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On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

There are some things you can never tell about a city until you get right into the middle of it. Take Brookings, for instance. On the surface, it's not much different from a lot of towns scattered over the state. But you can take it from me, there never was a town like this one.

I don't quite know how you go about describing people like you, who have made this town what it is. And I don't know either how to thank you for taking us to your collective bosoms the way you have.

But I can say this, and I never said anything more truthful. I've never felt before like I do about this place.

The phrase "home town" is one that is peculiarly American. It means a lot more than just the place that you grew up. More often, it is the place you have chosen, where you feel you fit, and where the people accept you as one of them.

I've lived in a lot of places, and some of them were nicer than others. We've had friends in all of them. But never before have I known people as friendly as you, or who have made us feel so much at home so soon. Believe me — this is our home town.

And to all of you, who welcomed us the way you did, through the columns of the Pilot, and who took the trouble just to tell us that you're glad we came. . . we'll never be able to thank you the way we should. But we wish we could.

There's a phrase I've heard about this town before, and I'm just beginning to realize what an apt one it is. They say "If you're going to have misfortune, then have it in Brookings." But I could broaden that statement. It isn't necessary to have trouble here, to find out how big your hearts are. We already know.

I'm feeling badly about something that happened last week, and I'd make amends if I could, but I don't know how. The Seventh-day Adventist Church arranged to bring a noted director of choir singing to Brookings last week, to help create a choir here. We had the story and the director's picture already to go, but somehow we lost them, and they never appeared in the paper. Consequently, the school never received the notice it should have had.

We feel especially bad, because there's no one to blame except us. We had the information in plenty of time. . . we just fouled it up. But please, accept our apologies. . . we'll promise never to do it again.

SON AT CHURCH CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ostenberg will go to the S.D.A. church camp at Milo, Oregon this week to bring home their son David who has been at the camp.

BROOKINGS TO HAVE WALKING BLOOD BANK

Brookings-Harbor's walking blood bank goes into operation this week, with blood typing scheduled to begin Tuesday afternoon at the city hall.

Local citizens are urged to have their blood classified Tuesday and Thursday, from three to five P.M. Typing will be done by Dr. Ed Samuel of Brookings.

Typing will also be done Wednesday evening, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., for those who find it impossible to get to the city hall during the day.

Supplies are on hand now to type 300 people, and more is on the way, according to Frenchy Arrell, chairman of the Rotary Club committee which sponsors the project.

Every person who is typed will get a card, telling his name and address, his blood type and his RH factor. However, those who already know their blood type may have the information transcribed on the official card by bringing definite proof as to their type. Most of them will probably want to be typed to determine their RH factor, Arrell believes.

Purpose of the walking blood bank is twofold, according to Frenchy. The primary purpose, of course, is to provide a quick means of getting the right type of blood to the right type of person in case of a catastrophe.

The bank takes on added importance, though, in a community like Brookings, which is remote from hospital facilities. Here the blood bank cards may be used to obtain donors in a case of emergency for anyone who needs a transfusion in a hurry. With adequate supplies of plasma too far away for emergency use, the walking blood bank will provide a quick means of reaching donors, as well as to save precious time spent typing the blood of the injured person.

The walking blood bank scheme is comparatively new, and has been recommended by Civil Defense Authorities. Locally, however, the plan promises to be invaluable as well in times of Peace.

Funds for the initial typing were donated by members of the Rotary Club, who raised over \$130 for the project.

Service Station To Be Built

Foster and Bolvi, Richfield distributors for Curry County, have announced plans for a new service station in Brookings.

The new station will be located on Highway 101, across from the Crest Motel. Work is already underway on tank pits and foundations.

The company hopes to have the station finished and in operation during the month of October.

Chetco Wranglers, Other Local People Push Curry County Fair

By MAX BRAINARD

Random peeks at Sunday edition of Curry County Fair:

The Chetco area very much in evidence and many, many thanks for the unbelievably hard work done well by the Wranglers-gals and galluses! They made the show and despite the fact that they are working stiff and family keepers they gave us all a wonderful demonstration of what CAN be done!

Otherwise, the show was light from the south end of the county, a condition that could be improved with a better route between the two villages, providing we don't antagonize those who could make it possible.

Handwork—why! This old buck has seen needlecraft down and around the Chetco and Winchuck jungles that would certainly have been swiped before it was judged! What there was was mighty, mighty nice, and mighty nigh couldn't be bettered but sure would have had some rough competition if—The Chetco Grange had a wonderful booth which should have impressed its viewers with the tremendous diversification of our interests, down here, and the Pistol River folk had a splendid historical display, including John Mace's pistol which he dropped in their bailiwick's creek, a hundred and more years ago. . . the ladies from the Ophir Grange feeding the milling multitude and throwing smiles and chatter despite the slavery—they earned their "take" . . . seems there was a bit of controversy about whether a submitted angel food cake was legal with frosting (blue ribbon to Kathryn Froster's frosted cake) . . . old timers about, much reminiscing and lamentations over published misstatements. . . invited 'em to set down their own versions and route them to posterity instead of personally

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VENEER PLANT TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Lake Pleasant Plywood's \$200,000 veneer plant in Harbor will start operating September first, according to James Malloy, manager of the new plant.

Although construction of the plant will not be complete then, the company plans to start peeling logs at that date. Construction of buildings will continue after operations are begun.

Output of the local plant will be trucked to Lake Pleasant's plywood plant in Myrtle Creek to be made into finished plywood, according to Malloy.

Present plans call for the mill to operate one shift, with about 25 men employed. A second shift may be added later, if conditions justify it.

Logs are being stockpiled at the mill now for next winter's operations, and work is continuing on buildings and on the mill pond.

Preliminary Study Made on Center

A preliminary study is under way in Brookings, to determine the desirability of establishing a Municipal Center here.

No definite plans have yet been made for the center. The sponsoring group is, at the present time conducting a survey to determine whether the local people feel a need for one.

Primary purpose of the center would be to provide supervised recreational facilities for the youth of the Brookings-Harbor area. Such a center would be available to the children of this area for their activities, at no cost to themselves.

REGISTRATION TIMES SET FOR SCHOOLS

Plans were completed this week for the registration of students for the next school year, which opens September 8.

Registration will begin Friday evening, August 28, with the Junior class registering at the high school from eight to 10:30 in the evening, on that day. Registration for elementary school and other high school classes will begin Monday.

Lynn Hampton, superintendent of the school, warned that it was imperative for all classes to register at the proper time. Because of the heavy overload on school facilities, it will be necessary to keep registrations moving smoothly at the designated times.

A complete list of registration times follows:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(Registration in Elementary School Building)

August 31, September 1 and 2. Hours 10 to 12 in the morning, and 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL
(Registration in High School Building)

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES
Monday, August 31, 10 to 12 in the morning, 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

JUNIORS
Friday, August 28, 8 to 10:30 in the evening.

SENIORS
Monday, August 31, 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Andersons Plan Trophy Hunt

A. E. Anderson, his brother Fred and a friend from California, will leave shortly for the high Canadian Rockies in search of fine specimen heads and horns as trophies for their dens. They will go as far north as the 400-mile post on the Al-Can highway and will use a pick-up to carry their equipment.

PLANS MADE FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL HERE

Plans for a new and badly needed high school were announced this week by the Brookings-Harbor School Board.

Voters of the school district will be asked to approve a bond issue to finance the new building September 15. The election will be held at the school, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The new school is to be constructed on the 17-acre school site facing Pioneer road. When finished, it will house the present high school, but four class rooms will be devoted to grade school work, in order to relieve the bulging grade school. The grade school will occupy its present quarters, as well as the building which now houses the high school.

So desperately needed is the new building that school directors say it would be filled to capacity, even if it could be opened at once. More than twice the number of available classrooms are needed this fall, if the school were to be operated in a normal manner.

Both the grade school and high school will be operated on a double shift basis this year, and such a situation will continue until the new construction alleviates the situation. In addition, the school board has rented quarters in the basement of the Baptist Church and the former Hearststone to accommodate the overflow.

An application to operate on the double shift basis has been made to the State Department of Education, citing our desperate need for space as the reason. Since the double-shift is a sub-standard practice, permission is granted only on a temporary basis, and the school district is required by the state to correct the unsatisfactory condition.

The proposed high school satisfies in every way the requirements of the State of Oregon, and preliminary plans for it have been approved by the State Department of Education.

Parent-Teachers Plan Year's Work

The parents will meet the teachers at the first meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association, to be held September 17, according to Mrs. F. A. Arrell, president of the group.

Members of the club will visit classrooms that evening, so the new faculty can become acquainted with the parents of the children they meet.

A full program has been planned for the year's activities of the club, and will be presented to members for their approval at the initial meeting.

Parents of children enrolled in Brookings-Harbor schools are invited to attend the meetings of the Association, which are held monthly.