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School Facilities Also Town Facilities

How badly does Brookings need a new high school?

Now, there's a question that has more than one answer. But they all add up to the fact that we need one—vitality.

The need for space for our children's education is more than obvious. With classrooms overcrowded, children going to school on half-day shifts, classes being held in adjoining buildings and in the basements of such buildings, the need for new construction is clear. No one could maintain that our present buildings are adequate, or even partially adequate, for our children's usage.

And there is no doubt, either, that our children's education suffers from such crowding. There is not an educator in the land who would maintain that you can teach our children as they should be taught under present conditions.

But Brookings and Harbor has an even greater need for more adequate facilities in our school facilities. The school of a community is often the center of its community life.

The facilities planned for our new school would give Brookings such a center until such time as our hopes for a community center will be realized. Under a liberal administration by the school board (and we have every reason to believe their administration will be liberal), the gymnasium, as well as the other facilities of the school would provide a badly needed community meeting place soon.

We hope to see the day that Brookings has a community center, and soon. But we cannot have it as rapidly as we need, and the facilities of the high school would fill a great gap in our community. With room and facilities for clubs, civic groups, children's activities, the facilities provided would be a splendid addition, not only to our children's schools, but to the community life of this city.

Building this school will not be easy. We fear that some people may oppose it, on the strength of the financial sacrifice necessary to build it. But twice in recent years Brookings people have furnished money for school additions, and both were harder on tax levys than this one promises to be.

And even if it were more costly, we have little choice, really. The education of our children is one of our greatest needs—and we should not value it lightly, especially in terms of dollars.

So, when you vote, Wednesday, September 15, remember our needs. Remember the community needs, for facilities to carry on our community life. But most of all, remember our children.—WGP.

The First Fall Rains

This week it rained, with the slow, white mist moving in across the cove and becoming heavier, turning into drops. The drops fell silently, faster and faster, and the trees gleamed silvery under their liquid coat.

The loggers awoke, and looked out and grumbled, but it wasn't a very sincere grumble, and they looked as nearly happy as a logger ever does as they turned over and went back to sleep.

Even the tourist, who takes rain as a personal affront, even he didn't seem too put out, and the resort owners couldn't seem to get their hearts into their lamentations.

It's hard to tell a practical man why we of the Oregon Coast, whose economy is based upon clear skies, plentiful tourists and busy woodsmen—it's hard to tell him why we shouldn't dislike the first fall rains. But this week we welcomed it. . . even knowing the summer was short and the logs weren't all out. . . and knowing, too, that it's a long time, some years, until Spring. But we have learned that even rain has its virtues, and the first fall rain has more than the usual amount of them.

And down in the Chetco, last week, a salmon rolled, his gleaming side just swirling the surface where it was dimpled by the rain. A salmon rolled, and a little way from him another arched against the surface. Even in the first fall rain, life along the Chetco is very much worth living.—WGP.

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For What It's Worth Bishop to Visit Episcopalians

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

These particular days of the year probably bring more happiness and pleasure to more people than any other season. Contrary to popular fancy, this joy is born of the knowledge that once again school days are upon us.

Feature writers and cartoonists, if they follow their usual bent, will depict the youngsters of the land reluctantly dragging themselves away from the ecstasies of vacation and back to the drudgery of the school room. In so doing they definitely date themselves as of a long past generation, for such is not the attitude of our young learners of today.

In spite of their unanimous chant in May of "no more lessons, no more books; no more teachers' dirty looks", the modern Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher usually begin counting early in August the days remaining before the opening of school. They know they have never had it so good. Today's schooling is no longer the ordeal of generations ago; it is a pleasure giving experience and they like it.

Merchants also welcome "school days" which bring with them the influx of fond mamas piloting youngsters between counters as they stock up on clothing which must replace outgrown ones of the previous year. From the tiniest tot, thrilled with anticipated joy of great adventure, to the sophisticated high school teenager, who selects a wardrobe in accordance with the latest vogue, school day shopping is definitely a red-letter day.

For Mother, who has had the responsibility of herding these same youngsters through the summer months, the opening of school doors removes a tremendous responsibility from her shoulders. Grey hairs acquired during the past three months can now be dyed while the school ma'am who now inherits the chore will begin to count the new silver streaks as the long nine months session goes on.

At any rate, "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic" days are here again and quiet will again settle over the land, particularly on your street and mine.

Two 4-H Divisions Added to Fair

Floral and rabbit exhibits and a program put on by Oregon's visitors under the International Farm Youth Exchange will be new features of 4-H activities at the Oregon State Fair in Salem September 5 to 12.

Scholarships to the 4-H summer school await top winners for flower exhibits and arrangements, just added to the premium list.

Best rabbit project and champion showman will rate 4-H summer school scholarships, too. Special prizes offered in the division are Lowit's Blueblood rabbitry special, pedigreed New Zealand White junior doe for best rabbit of the breed, and Triangle Milling company special, merchandise order for two exhibitors whose records show best project development.

Cal G. Monroe, state 4-H agent heading the IFYE program, said nearly all of the 10 young rural people getting acquainted with Oregon life this summer will be at the fair Sunday afternoon to tell about their home countries.

Oregon Auctioneers' association is undertaking sponsorship of the annual sale of market livestock, which will be September 11.

More than 2000 4-H boys and girls are expected to take part in this year's events, with demonstrations scheduled every day. Livestock awards will be presented September 11, closing day of the fair.

ON EXTENDED TRIP

Mrs. Claude Goldizen and her sister, Mrs. H. O. Powell of Mt. View, Calif., left this morning for a month of vacationing. They will drive to Indianola, Iowa where they will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jack Wright, returned from Klamath Falls Monday after a stay there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn are the proud parents of a daughter, Deborah Kay, born August 22, 1953.

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