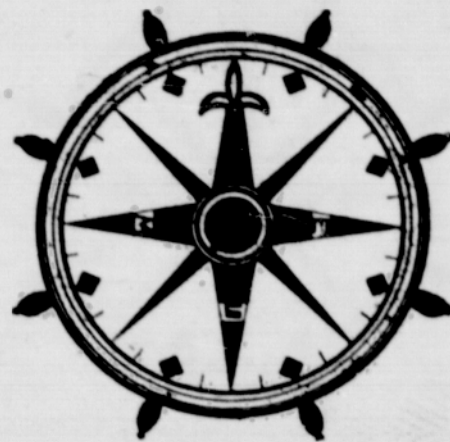


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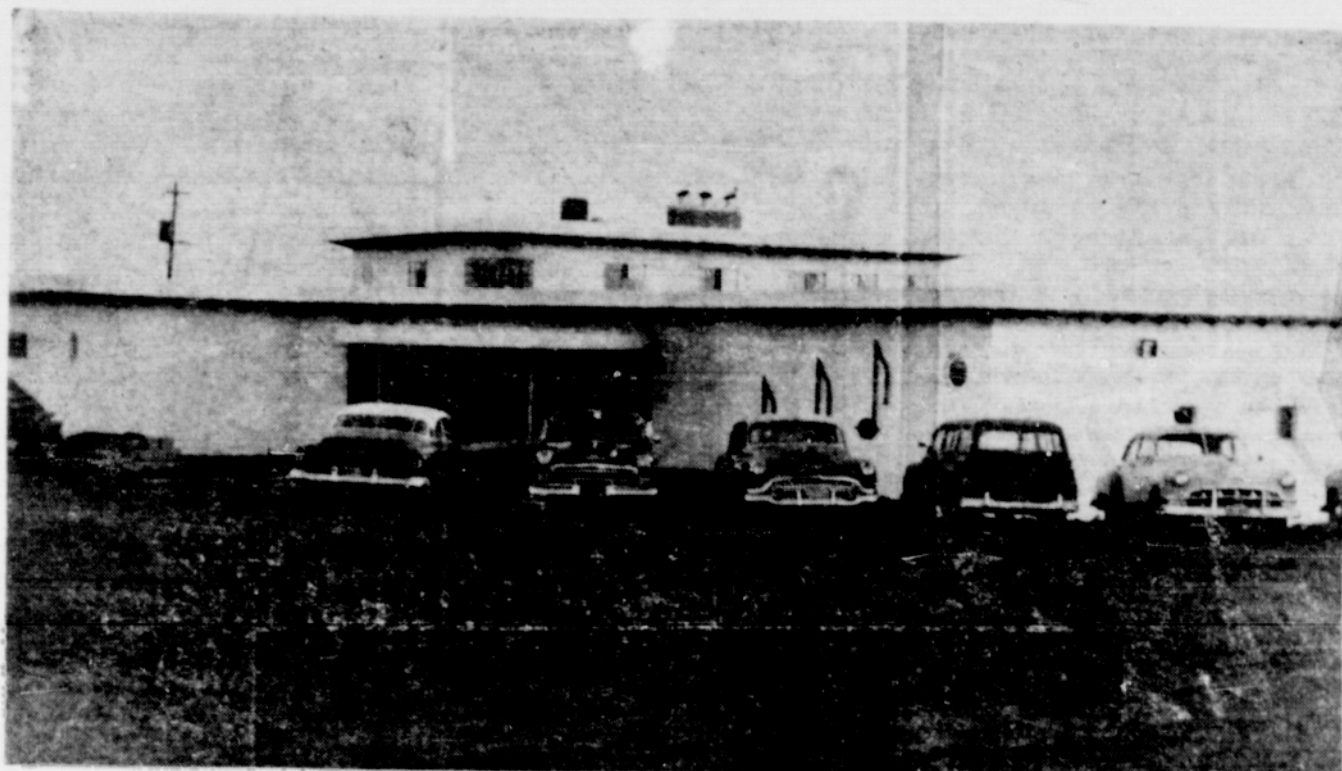


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Cliff House Opening Tomorrow Eve



The Cliff House, well-known Brookings night-spot. Will reopen Friday evening at six o'clock. Capacity crowds are expected for the event. Dick Waiwaiole and his Islanders are featured entertainers at the opening.—(Cut courtesy Del Norte TriPLICATE)

Cliff House Opens Shows Scheduled

The Cliff House will open Friday... definitely.

And it's going to be quite an affair. E. B. Watson and K. A. Carr have slated a full evening of entertainment for their first night audience.

Actually, it will be a two-night opening. The new proprietors have no hope of getting everyone that wants to come in a single evening. So festivities will continue through Saturday.

The opening will make available again a night club that has been praised as one of the finest on the coast by travelers. The Cliff House, first built two years ago, occupies one of the finest spots on the coast.

Opening night entertainment at the Cliff House will see two floor shows nightly. Headlining the act are Dick Waiwaiole and his Rhythmic Islanders.

The Islanders are a Hawaiian trio, playing native chants and Samoan rhythms as well as the most modern of American music. They've been headlined in a number of the nation's best spots.

CONVICT NODINE OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

James K. Nodine of Sixes was convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder at Circuit Court in Gold Beach, and sentence will be imposed today by Circuit Judge Dal M. King.

Conviction of second-degree murder carries a possible sentence of seven years to life.

An all-male jury deliberated five hours before returning the verdict. District Attorney Sam Hall had asked for a first degree conviction.

For Nodine, it was the second sentencing in a year. Earlier he had been convicted of first degree murder, and sentenced to life, but a new trial was ordered by the State Supreme Court on appeal.

Nodine was convicted of the murder of Marius Sorensen on the Sixes River road on June 18, 1952 in what seems to have been a tragedy of mistaken identity.

According to evidence introduced, Nodine on that date shot and killed Sorensen through the door of a car owned by Clifford Shields, the man whom Nodine was allegedly after.

The unfolding of the tragedy set a scene in which Defense Attorney David Shaw attempted to prove Shields guilty of criminal relations with Nodine's 14-year-old daughter, Wanda; that those relations were the cause of Nodine's threats and reprisals, and that Nodine, when he killed Sorensen, thought he was shooting Shields who was present in the car.

Attorney Shaw was repeatedly reprimanded by the court as he cross-examined Shields, who steadfastly denied charges of illegal relations with Nodine's daughter, and Shields' wife, who backed her husband's story. The defense introduced a number of witnesses attempting to tear down Shields' defense.

Mrs. Susie White, a Sixes housewife, testified for the defense that in November, 1951, Wanda came to her home, saying she had been out with Shields and

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Blood Bank Slower, Over 800 Typed

Total numbers at the blood bank crept toward the 1,000 mark last week, but business was falling off for Ed Samuel and the staff of volunteers.

The bank will remain open, however, until everyone who wants to has been typed. Hours are three to five Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

The blood bank last week proved how valuable it was. Four donors responded to an emergency call from Dr. Paul Ronniger for transfusions at Seaside hospital for a Brookings resident, Mrs. Fay Clemmer. Mrs. Clemmer returned home this week.

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

We have performed what is probably the most dastardly deed that has ever been committed in this area, by man or boy. Any day now, we expect to see a crowd of vigilantes outside our door, complete with rope. And, really, we deserve it.

There is no crime more heinous than the one we have performed. . . nothing in the entire criminal code that is more unforgivable. The only way I can think of to make amends is to go down and jump in the cove, and my insurance agent doesn't approve of that.

What we did was take Skipper Arnett's 32 pound salmon and turn it into a 23 pound one, in our newspaper. As any fisherman could tell you, that is unforgivable. It's alright to make them bigger. . . but never, never, never one ounce smaller.

We haven't figured out an alibi yet. We were going to blame it on our linotype man, Bill Brooks, but he threatened to quit if we did, and he's indispensable. Besides, he's a fisherman, too, and knows what a great sin it was. So that's out.

I guess I'll blame it on Doris. She never did type well. . . and besides, she doesn't realize about fish. But if I get away with it, it'll be the first time.

CONNIE'S A NEWCOMER

Connie Evans, who opened a new beauty shop last week in Harbor, hasn't been here three years like we said she was. She's a newcomer. . . been here a year. And it doesn't seem like three years, either.

South Coast To Have Open House

Open house will be held at South Coast Lumber Company a week from Friday, according to Bill Fallert, superintendent of the new mill.

Local people are invited to tour the mill Friday afternoon, to see the new operation. The mill will be running, and visitors will be conducted through it to see the new innovations.

BOY INJURED SERIOUSLY IN AUTO WRECK

One boy was seriously injured, and two others escaped with minor hurts in a head-on auto collision which occurred early Saturday morning, just south of Harbor.

In Seaview hospital at Crescent City is Kenneth Fielder, 18, driver of one of the cars. Kenneth suffered a skull fracture, concussion and injuries to one leg. His condition is described by the hospital as 'good'.

A passenger with Fielder, Jack Sanders, 17, escaped with bruises and was discharged after examination at Seaview.

The driver of the other car, Fred Evans, 21, of Klamath, Calif., suffered bruises and lacerations, and was also discharged from Seaview after treatment of his injuries.

Both automobiles involved in the accident were badly damaged. The cars evidently collided on a straight stretch of road south of Harbor, with extensive damage to the front left quarter of both vehicles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adkins of Huntington Park, Calif., were in Brookings this week.

CROSS SCHEDULED TO BE NEW POLICE CHIEF

Bud Cross, once before a Brookings policeman, is tentatively scheduled to become police chief here next week.

Bud will replace William B. Brown, who resigned, effective the first.

Cross's appointment will be sent to the City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday, for approval. No opposition is expected.

A former resident of Brookings, Cross was a policeman here when the department was first organized. He left here a year ago to go to California, then moved to Gold Beach, where he became city marshal last July first. Cross has already resigned the Gold Beach post, effective today.

Bud is at the present time engaged in moving to Brookings. He has taken a house on Redwood Drive.

AA Group Formed Meets Thursday

A newly-formed group of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold their first meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the state Forest Guard Station, through the courtesy of the fire warden.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a group of men for whom alcohol is a problem, and who are fighting that problem. The society has no dues, no pledges, no notoriety. . . it simply exists to help alcoholics help themselves.

Anyone who has a problem with alcohol, or who has one in his home, is invited to attend the Thursday meeting.

POST OFFICE HUNTS NEW QUARTERS

The Post Office Department is hunting for a new home in Brookings.

An invitation for bids to house a new post office here was issued this week, by Melvin Northrip, Post Office inspector of Seattle.

Bids will be received up to and including October 30 at his Seattle office for a lease on a suitable building in Brookings. Needed by the department is a building of at least 1800 square feet.

Additional details and information on bids is on page 14.

West Coast Telco Adds New Lines

West Coast Telephone Company has added two new trunk lines between Crescent City and Brookings, according to George N. McBride, district manager for the company. This involved the completion of 28 miles of open wire construction by Walter Reinemer's crew and the installation of terminal carrier equipment by George Kertson, equipment installation supervisor, assisted by Stacey Millar.

"This installation," said McBride, "adds seventy-six per cent to the capacity of our Crescent City-Brookings communications. It is another in the long list of projects designed to keep us abreast of the continuous demand for new telephone facilities."

Addition of the new lines should help to alleviate the main criticism levelled at West Coast service in this area—the inability to place long distance calls from Brookings at some hours. According to company officials, the trouble has been caused by two few cables between Brookings and the Crescent City office, and this installation should improve that service materially.