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# On the Reef

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Ever so often we decide all over again that there could never be a nicer place to live than right here. Especially on the day after Hallowe'en.

Not everyone agrees with us, though. Just last Sunday, the day after Hallowe'en, we were talking with a goblin that didn't agree with us at all.

This goblin was a particularly sinister type... the type that usually lives in overturned out-houses. He was sitting on the street curb, and looking very vicious.

"There was a time", he growled, "when this was the best place you could imagine for a goblin or a witch. Why, I've seen Hallowe'ens here where hundreds and hundreds of dollars of damage was done. Property was destroyed, people were hurt, why, you can't imagine anything like it!"

"And now look", he screamed. "Perfectly clean! It's enough to drive a goblin to go to church!"

"And you know who's fault it is?", he stormed. "Those Lions and them Lucky 7 Boys, that's who. What those boys did to us was a fright. Why, a decent goblin couldn't raise his head in this town last night without getting it batted off by one of them Lucky 7 Boys."

He sighed mournfully. "I guess", he muttered, "I'm going to have to leave here. I'll have to move to Crescent City or Medford or one of those towns where they know how to be really stinking. Trouble with the boys around this place is... they're too darned responsible!"

He started off down the highway, dragging his little pointed tail in the dust. I didn't have the heart to tell him we were glad to see him go. And I felt kind of sorry for Crescent City. But I was certainly thankful that it was in Brookings that the Lucky 7 club decided to form.

## Spirit of Hallowe'en



These were representative of the 500 children who participated in the Lion's club Hallowe'en parade. The rabbit is Susy Martin, daughter of the Neal Martins, and the other two are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malloy.—Cut courtesy Myrtle Creek Mail.

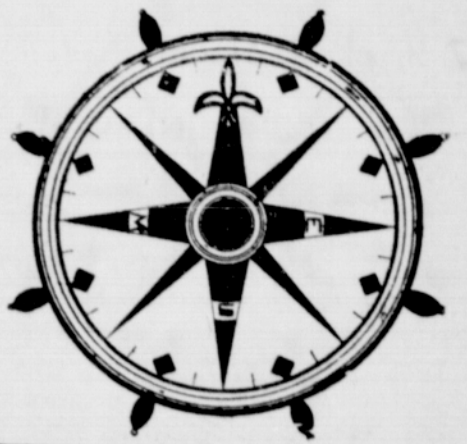
# Brookings-Harbor Pilot

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### 4-H Achievement Night Saturday

Four-H Achievement night will be held Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Brookings-Harbor Rotary Club.

According to Chairman Leo Lucas, 100 kids and a number of leaders will be honored during the evening for their past year's performance in Four-H.

Leo added that the very best way of showing appreciation both to leaders and the youngsters would be to be on hand when the program opened Saturday.

A musical program will be included in the evening's entertainment. Featured on it will be the Brookings Barbershoppers as well as the school chorus.

### Brookings Friendliness Pays Off

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin from Phoenix, Arizona were perplexed. They had heard the Chetco was a wonderful river to fish and could not find out another thing about it. But they came anyway, and being very lucky people, they ran into Brownie Brimm.

With Brownie's help, they managed to snag five salmon and six jacks in four days, and have a whale of a time doing it.

Just another example of that Brookings friendliness we are trying to encourage. And did it pay off? Well, the Martins are going to arrange a hunting trip for the Brimms.

### RALPH WALLEN WINS PRIZE FOR COSTUME

A wierd assortment of goblins, werewolves, witches and monstrosities toured the down town streets of Brookings Saturday night, as the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club staged their first annual Hallowe'en parade.

Five hundred masked and sheeted youngsters competed for prizes given by the Lions, the paraded to a giant bon-fire at the school grounds, where the Lions served hot dogs, soft drinks and bubble gum to the herd.

It was a great evening, even for the grand prize winner, Ralph Wallen, who didn't know he had won until a couple of days later. Ralph, costumed as an old hill-billy, won the Grand Prize furnished jointly by Chetco Inn, The Brookings-Harbor Pilot, and the Par Store, but he disappeared before the award could be announced.

Six winners were announced in the Lions Club classifications, three of each sex. Most original costume awards went to Sharon McCrady and Robert Widney. The funniest costume award was won by Penny Meyers and Larry Killpatrick. And wierdest costumes were won by Jerilyn Lonacres and Danny Ames.

For the Lions as well as the kids, it was the most successful Hallowe'en event ever staged here. The men shepherded their crew through downtown Brookings, with Pop Reed leading the way in his jeep, and trudged up the hill to the school with them.

There were a normal number of temporarily disrupted family groups which were all reunited, and there were a few tots who couldn't quite make it under their own steam and finished the parade in the arms of the shepherding Lions.

At the bon fire, the hungry kids gulped 400 hot dogs, a lake of orangeade and a mountain of bubble gum before disbanding.

Highly enthused by the success of the parade, the Lions plan to make the affair an annual event.

Members of the club gave credit for the outstanding success of the event to the whole-hearted cooperation of the group as well as that of outside individuals. They extended their thanks to the police department, to the staff of the Chetco Inn, who prepared the food, and to the Rapraeger family who helped shepherd the 500 kids through the streets.

### TELEPHONE NEARS GROUND OBSERVER POST

Electric power finally arrived at the Ground Observer Post here last week, and the telephone is not far away, according to Mrs. Bill Hamman, observer at the post.

With the expected arrival of the phone, the local post will soon begin reporting all planes directly to the center. She reports having logged as many as 11 planes daily from the post.

## Hiway Commission Plans Backed By Chamber

### Cliff House Plans Amateur Contests

A series of amateur contests will open Friday, November 13, at The Cliff House, popular Brookings night spot.

Contests will be held every Friday for four weeks, according to E. B. Watson and K. A. Carr, managers of the club. Weekly winners will appear in the finals, to be held December 11. Top prize is \$100.00 cash, with other awards also listed.

### Barbershoppers Plan Minstrel Show

Plans are underway for a minstrel show to be staged in Brookings during the months of January or February.

The show will be presented by the Brookings Chapter of the S.P.E.B.Q.S.A., and will feature general local talent, as well as members of the Brookings Chorus. Herschel Chaney will direct the production.

Members of the Crescent City Barbershoppers also will be asked to join in the production.

Charles Grayshel, secretary of the Brookings chapter, has asked that anyone interested in appearing in the show contact him, and they will be notified of the time of rehearsals.

Vacancies exist also in the Brookings Chorus, which meets at 8 p.m. every Monday at the High School for rehearsals under Director Bob Dick.

It is not necessary to be able to read music to sing with the chorus, Director Dick said, since all songs are chosen within easy range of most singers, and are learned by memorizing from the piano. Anyone who would like to sing with them are cordially invited.

### Manley Rescues Cat Entombed In Wall

One of the most thrilling rescues in the history of the Manley building was carried out last week, as a frantic crew of workmen composed of Clive Manley struggled to free a cat entombed within the walls.

The cat became trapped, evidently, when it settled down in a partially completed bath room wall for a nap, and stayed there while Clive finished sealing the wall.

For two days the cat wailed from the wall, while the Manleys attempted to locate it. Finally, Clive removed a wall section, and discovered it.

To date, the cat hasn't forgiven Clive, and is only tolerating Mrs. Manley.

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce went on record Tuesday as backing the Oregon State Highway Commission in their plans for a new location of Highway 101 through Southern Curry County.

The statement was in the form of a letter mailed to members of the Commission, to Governor Paul Patterson and to Chief Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

It came in the wake of published reports from Portland that three individuals, headed by County Judge Guy Forsythe, had protested plans for the highway on behalf of "Curry County."

And, from the north end of the county there were reports that citizens groups in the Langlois-Port Orford section were also going on record to disassociate themselves from the protests made in Portland.

In the letter, Chamber directors said the following:

"The Chamber of Commerce has conducted an informal survey and finds most citizens in the Brookings-Harbor area support the State Highway Commission on the proposed improvement of Highway 101. Although there is opposition to the state plan by some individuals in various parts of the county, we do not feel a small minority should speak for the county as a whole.

"For the present and future development of the Oregon Coast, nothing is more badly needed than improvement in Highway 101.

"Accordingly, Chamber directors are writing to the members of the Commission, assuring them of our support, and urging them to expedite the new construction as rapidly as possible."

### Grown Ups Celebrate Hallowe'en, Too

All the Hallowe'en revelry was not confined to the younger set. The grown ups did a bit of celebrating, too.

At the Cliff House, a large group enjoyed a dancing party with door prizes.

The Chetco Wranglers sponsored a dance at the Grange Hall which was very well attended.

The "Better Halves" of the Rod and Gun Club held a party at the clubhouse. Bingo was featured, and a wonderful time was reported by everyone there.

### O'Connors Purchase Flower and Gift Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Connor of Grants Pass have purchased Don's Flower Shop and are busy rearranging the shop and making room for new stock.

The O'Connors plan to feature planters and novelty jewelry such as turquoise, abalone, and butterfly, as well as a complete gift line, and will do corsages and floral arrangements when refrigeration has been installed.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are anxious to get better acquainted and invite you to drop in and look around the shop.