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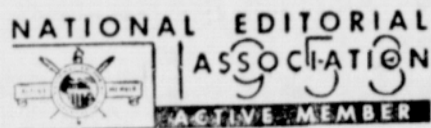
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The Lions' Hallowe'en Parade

Hallowe'en has come and gone, but what the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club did that evening will live a long, long time in this town. Their first annual Hallowe'en parade was the greatest thing that has happened for the kids here in quite a while.

And it was good for the town, too. We saw vandalism drop to a point which no one would believe possible a year ago. Part was due to our alert police force. Part to the Lucky Seven Boys Club, who helped police the juveniles. But most, we think, to the Lions, who kept 500 juvenile goblins and witches happy through the evening.

The Lions took on quite a job, shepherding those 500 masked and sheeted figures through the city streets. They walked until their arches gave way, and they passed out bubble gum and hot dogs and orange pop until their arms ached. They rounded up the strays, and they reunited wailing tots. . . and they had as much fun as the kids, too.

But mostly, they've proved again what we have always known. Our kids aren't bad. Give them a little attention, a little time and effort, and you'll be rewarded very richly. We were rewarded Hallowe'en by an undamaged town, but even more by the happy hearts of 500 kids.

As long as we have men who will give their time to our children, nothing very drastic is going to happen to America. Thank God we have such men in the Lions Club here!

Our City Streets

High on the list of things which Brookings needs is more adequate streets. Probably there is not a single incorporated city in the state of Oregon whose streets are in more deplorable shape than they are here.

The fault lies with no individual. Mr. Arp, who is in charge of maintenance of our streets, operates on the most rudimentary of budgets. With what little equipment he has, and with even less money, he is doing all that he can do.

And the council has felt a little hesitant about stepping into the breach. Municipal government is still new here, and they have felt their way cautiously into the duties which are required of them.

But, after three years of municipal government, it does seem time to face the fact that the care and maintenance of city streets are a function of city government, and that something has to be done about them.

The city has planned, of course, on the state maintaining and paving those streets which serve also as secondary state highways, and the state will pave them this spring, provided it gets bids. That will be a great help, but it won't take care of the streets serving our residential areas.

Because of the condition of city streets, Brookings is growing into a string-town, with all its businesses facing the one paved thoroughfare. No one will build a business on adjoining streets which can barely be traveled. And, until that condition is remedied, the cohesiveness of the city is threatened.



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For What It's Worth Ed Seger Attends Veteran's Meeting

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

I am somewhat ashamed of the reaction of some people to the refusal of a few young Americans



to be repatriated and to their acceptance of communism. Shocking as it may be to parents to have their sons renounce their homeland and unbelievable as it may seem to us who treasure our democratic principles highly, we still should in fairness consider all the issues before we condemn.

The first point to be decided is that relative to the age at which a young man can be expected to use good judgment. When we discover the answer and become consistent in its application, we may be in a position to judge.

We have already decided that a young man must be 21 before he can be expected to cast his vote intelligently in the affairs of his government. At the same time, we have declared that at the age of 18 he has matured sufficiently to be capable of sacrificing his life for these principles for which he is not allowed to vote.

Now we have some youngsters who have been captured by a ruthless enemy. They have been held imprisoned for years while they suffered agonies that only they can describe; and then when they have their minds warped to the extent that those things which are good and right become only memories which seem like dreams, we have the gall to call them traitors.

Isn't it rather inconsistent on our part to expect young men whom we consider so immature and unreliable that we cannot trust them with the ballot to be able to stand up under the concentrated pressure of ingenious fiends who are masters in the art of propaganda backed by force?

Before we begin calling names, we should keep in mind that much more effort has been made during their imprisonment to teach them the ways of communism than was ever expended in their lifetime here in teaching them, by example, the wonders of the democratic way of life.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
IOOF at IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.
Bulb Growers Association at Rod and Gun Club.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
FOE at Jaklewicz Anchorage, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Home Extension Unit, textile painting, at Florence Davis home, Maple street.
VFW Armistice Party at VFW Hall.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Chetco Choral Club, at Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
Scout Building Committee at Jaklewicz Anchorage, 8 p.m.
SPEBSQSA at High School, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Topaz Rebekah at IOOF Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
FOE Auxiliary at Jaklewicz Anchorage.
St. Timothy's Guild at Grace Zerbel home, 7:30.
Beta Sigma Phi, home of Mrs. Leland Lewis.

sonnel discussed such Oregon benefits as the World War II bonus, home and farm loans and educational aid for World War II and Korean veterans.

Field representatives for the department at the session included Charles Daum, La Grande; Hobart Woody, Roseburg; Carl Church, Salem; and Vinton Green, Bend.

Attending from Curry County was C. E. Segar, service officer.

The three-day conference was conducted by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs under the supervision of H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld, director. Ridgley C. Miller, Marion county service officer and president of the County Veterans' Service Officers' association, served as program chairman.

Officials from the Veterans Administration regional office, from VA hospitals in Portland and Roseburg and from the VA domiciliary center at Medford conducted panel discussions on hospital, medical and dental treatment, GI insurance, GI bill benefits, and pension claims.

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TO VISIT MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Phelps and family will spend the weekend in Salem visiting Mrs. Phelps' mother, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, who underwent an operation recently.

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