

On the Reef

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Having never bothered my pretty head with reading the Brookings-Harbor Pilot, I'm dependent upon some of the outside publications for all my information. For instance, the Oregon Journal.

Last Monday morning, for instance, the Journal told me there would be scattered showers that day. It's wonderful, having information like that at your finger tips. From now on, I'll know how to act among the scattered showers.

Wish I could get my boss, Mrs. Akers, to read the Journal, though. She keeps insisting there were four inches of rain Monday. Probably forgot to scatter the showers at her house.

All of which leads nowhere. Dropped by the Oregon State Bank yesterday, to find out what kind of a man would be writing letters to my wife. Blackmailed him into giving me a loan on the promise I wouldn't print any of his correspondence. I wonder why people keep believing me when I say I won't print something?

We heard, though, a very touching story the other day. Judge and Mrs. Nelson have been entertaining an old friend from Lancaster, Calif. during the fall. The Judge took him fishing every day, and sent him home loaded with salmon, many cans of which were preserved by Hans. And yesterday, the Judge related a fine story.

Since the old man left, the Judge and Myrtle have been lonely, so they got the back room ready, washed the windows, traded for some canned goods and are now going to bring two old men from 'way up the river to spend the winter with them.

I think that's wonderful; and I think it was nice of Colonel Lee Rice to tell me about it. The Colonel's sort of shy. . . he offered me two of his huckleberry muffins if I wouldn't mention him. For two more of them I wouldn't have.

Mobile X-Ray Unit Here In March

The mobile X-Ray unit will be back in Curry County in March, 1954.

The definite scheduling of the unit for that time was announced this week by Mrs. Irene H. Keeller, chairman of the Curry County T.B. and Health Association's Christmas seal drive.

The mobile unit is the best method of finding cases of tuberculosis and other lung diseases, as well as heart conditions.

OREGON COAST GROUP MEETS; COMMENDS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The Oregon Coast Association concluded a three day convention Tuesday at Coos Bay with the election of new officers and a series of resolutions.

Of local interest was Resolution Number 6, which put the Association on record as supporting the State Highway Commission in its plans for the development of Highway 101 through Curry County. The Association commended the Commission on "its foresight and planning on 101".

Pete Lesmeister was elected vice president of the Association

for Curry County, and Merle Bullock was chosen as a director. Hold over directors were M. E. Kelly of Port Orford, and Joe Taylor of Brookings.

Elected as president of the group was Lafe Compton, owner and manager of the Chandler hotel at Coos Bay.

The Association on Monday listened to Governor Paul Patterson headline a panel of speakers.

Present from Curry county were Pete and Mrs. Lesmeister, Merle Bullock of Brookings and M. E. Kelly of Port Orford.

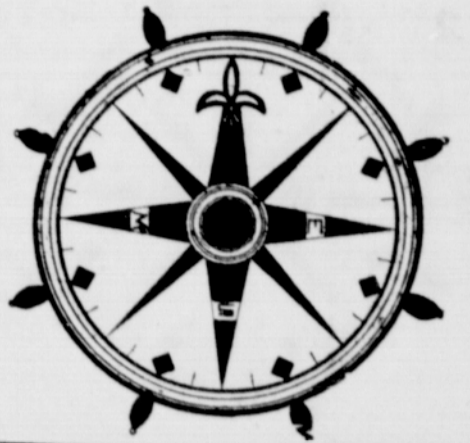
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BURGLAR CAUGHT AFTER ROBBING TWO BUSINESSES

Lester Glenn Lombard was arrested Saturday night after confessing to two robberies in Brookings, and was turned over to county authorities.

Lombard is on parole from a previous robbery conviction in Toledo, Ore., and is lodged in the county jail at Long Beach while awaiting action.

Lombard confessed to breaking into the B and B Cafe, where he stole \$12.00 in change. Later he broke into Gallagher's Sporting Goods, where he helped himself to a rod and other fishing equipment.

Police Chief Bud Cross apprehended Lombard after he had been told of his suspicious actions by Penny Costello, waitress at the Shanghai Cafe. She reported that he had tipped her fifty cents in change for a cup of coffee, and then had attempted to get her to change the small change he had acquired into bills. Cross took his description, spotted a man at the theatre answering the description, and confronted him. Lombard readily admitted the two thefts.

During his short splurge here, he had quite a time. While at the restaurant he made himself a tuna fish sandwich, and ransacked the refrigerator.

If the robbery took place at the time which police and Lombard estimate it did, about 10:30, there were three hundred dollars in the restaurant which he overlooked.

Norris Kemp Wins Golf Championship

Norris Kemp, certainly Brookings' most active golfer, became champion of the second flight last week after winning his fourth straight match.

W. W. Spears of Crescent City won the club tournament championship.

Kemp defeated Mayor Bob Dimmick in the final round to take the flight championship. Earlier he had won over Charles Grayshell.

Brookings Hi-School Bonds Purchased By First National Bank, Portland

Brookings Water Improves Supply

New construction to insure clear water has been completed by the Brookings Water Company, and it looked after this week's storm like it had passed its first test.

Elmer Bankus, owner of the company, said that three smaller streams had been tied into the water supply in such a way that their water will enter the distribution system first. The streams come from unlogged territory, and remain clear even while main streams are muddied.

The smaller streams are not adequate to serve the system all the time, Bankus said. However, they can be used during stormy periods, and supplemented by the main supply when the water clears.

The company plans to tie two more streams into the system in a similar manner, to increase the supply of clear water.

CITY ADOPTS NEW TV ANTENNA LAW

The Brookings City Council on Tuesday adopted an ordinance to control the erection of television antennas within the city.

Under the ordinance, firms which install antennas will be licensed by the city, upon the recommendation of O. D. Arp, city building inspector. In addition, a city permit will be issued for each installation made.

Homeowners and renters will be permitted to raise their own antennas if they so desire, but they, too, must obtain a permit to do so.

Purpose of the ordinance, Mr. Arp said, is two-fold. By requiring licensing of installers, the city hopes to keep unqualified persons from entering the business of installing antennas for others. And by using the permits, the city will be able to check individual installations to make sure they meet safety requirements.

Chamber to Meet December Tenth

Next meeting of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, according to Clive Manley, president of the Chamber.

Nominations will be made at that time for directors for the coming year.

The regular November meeting was cancelled because of lack of facilities at the time for a dinner meeting.

CHECK FORGER NABBED HERE

Phillip Marvin Taylor, AWOL soldier from Ft. Lewis, was arrested Wednesday morning after passing forged checks in Brookings.

Taylor is lodged in the city jail, waiting to be turned over to state authorities.

He is wanted in a number of valley towns where he has admitted passing bad checks.

Locally, Taylor cashed two checks, drawn to himself and signed with the forged signature of Arthur Knox. He attempted to cash a third check, at Phillips Dad 'n' Lad, but fled when Bob Phillips called to check the signature with Art Knox.

Taylor was arrested by Police Chief Bud Cross after he had registered at a local hotel. He told the chief that he had planned to cash some more checks Wednesday, and then take off because "this town was pretty easy pickings."

In addition to authorities who want him for a string of bad checks down the Willamette Valley, Taylor is being held for military authorities to answer charges for going AWOL from his post at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Bobby Johnson Hurt By Bike

Ten year old Bobby Johnson suffered painful injuries Sunday, when the handlebar of a bicycle penetrated his abdomen.

Bobby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Lancaster, was treated by Dr. Paul Ronniger, who used 35 stitches in closing the wound. According to Dr. Ronniger, the handlebar penetrated to the abdominal wall but did not go through it.

The boy was hurt when a bicycle he was riding jointly with David Howie, 11, got out of control. The boys fell with the bicycle, and the handlebar gored Bobby. David escaped with a scratched face.

At present, Bobby is home, recuperating from his painful injuries, and guaranteeing that he is through riding double.

Please—Next Week Make It Early!

Because of Thanksgiving, the Pilot will come out on Wednesday next week.

We therefore ask everyone: Advertisers, contributors, correspondents, to get in their material a day early, so that we can do it.

If you do, we'll have something to be thankful about, too.

The new high school building came one step closer to realization when the directors of school district 17 sold 378,500 dollars worth of bonds to the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon, the bonds to pay interest semi-annually at the rate of 4 per cent. F. E. Holt, manager of the Gold Beach branch of The First National Bank handled the transaction for the banking agency.

Increased enrollment has made the new building necessary. Although the proposed building is primarily a high school, four of the classrooms will be used for grade school purposes. The annual school census now being conducted by Dora Beaulieu, clerk of the school district indicates that the census will cross the one thousand mark for the first time in the history of school district 17. The figure from last year's census was 910 or approximately 100 less than the figure for the present census.

If the preliminary figures from this year's census are found to be correct and the school district crosses the 1000 mark it will automatically change its status from that of a second class school district to that of a first class school district. This means that at the next election of school directors the present board of three members will be increased to a five member board, terms to run for five years.

The new status as a first class district will also provide the option of remaining within the rural school district for taxing purposes or withdrawing from the rural school district and taxing independently within the existing boundaries of school district 17. The pros and cons of this subject will be studied by the school board and a recommendation made to the voters of the district with the final determination to be made at the polls.

The present members of the school board are Harold Crump, chairman; Virgil Goldsberry and E. F. Rapraeger.

Committee Studies Proposed Charter

Study of a charter for the city of Brookings will be undertaken this week by a committee of business men appointed by the Council.

The fifteen members of the committee will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock at the city hall to begin the study of the proposed charter.

The proposed charter was submitted by City Attorney Ed Ackley, and is modeled largely upon the State of Oregon's model charter, with some alterations.

The members of the committee will report recommendations concerning the Charter to the Council at a later date. After final approval, the Charter will go to the voters for approval.