

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

I'm the victim of one of the most despicable conspiracies that I've ever been embroiled in, and I'm an authority on despicable conspiracies, if I do say so with a note of pride.

This one involves my boss, Mrs. Akers, Elwood Coslett, the Oregon Journal, the weather, and probably some sinister international figures who are out to get me.

It all started when I mentioned casually that the Oregon Journal had predicted showers here Monday, and that the Oregon Journal was, figuratively and literally, all wet. Elwood Coslett promptly jumped all over me, and that hurt my feelings. So I turned to Mrs. Akers.

"Tell him," I pleaded, "that there was a real heavy rain last Monday."

Mrs. Akers raised her eyebrows. "Rain?" she said. "Monday? I don't really remember any rain on Monday, except perhaps a little mist — something like half an inch. But no real honest rain. Why, every day with less than an inch here we classify as clear and sunny. Kind of upsets the weather bureau, but the Chamber of Commerce loves me dearly."

So I've been betrayed, by the weather bureau, no less. But I've found an ally. Heard Glenna Smith, the daughter of the Glen Hursts, discussing the weather with the weather man in Portland over KEX. Now, he's incorruptible. And he told Glenna that

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ASSAULT CHARGE FILED HERE

A preliminary hearing for Loren Moore, south bank resident who has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, has been set for December 11, before Justice Charles Schaal.

Moore was arrested Saturday on the complaint of Donald R. Johnson, a neighbor, who charged that Moore had assaulted him and another family with a .22 rifle.

According to Johnson, trouble began in an argument at the Pine Cone Tavern, where Johnson and his wife had argued with Moore over debts that Moore claimed were owed to him. Johnson alleges that Moore struck Mrs. Johnson over the head with a billiard cue during the argument.

Later, Johnson says, he and his wife returned home to find Mr. and Mrs. Bray, his wife's parents and neighbors, stopped in the driveway they share with Moore. Johnson says that Moore fired a .22 rifle from the hillside above them, with the shot penetrating the windshield of the car.

Johnson left his wife with the Brays and returned to Brookings, where he contacted state police to file a complaint.

Moore admits firing a shot on the south bank road, but claims that it was aimed at neither the people nor the car. He says that he has complained several times because the Brays had blocked the driveway to his home, and that he found it nearly blocked this Saturday.

Moore says he then went to his house, brought out the .22 rifle, and moved to within 50 feet of the car, at which time he said "this is a warning to you," and fired over the car. He states, however, that the Brays and the Johnsons were 150 feet distant from the car at the time he shot.

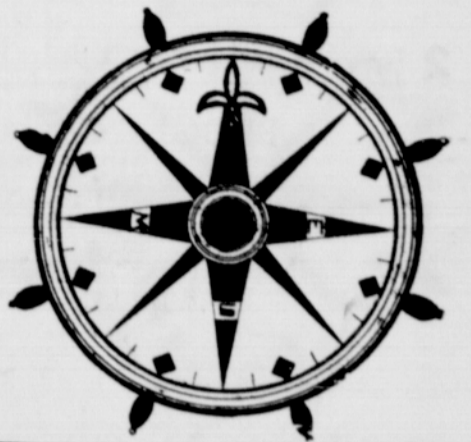
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Highway Lifesavers For Curry County



This is the Lucky 7 Club of Brookings, who have taken over the job of promoting safety in Curry County. Left to right, back row—Mike O'Neil, Ole Karlson, Barry Sage, Ray Quick, Art Stone, Bob Shipley, Lloyd Russell, Dennis Graham, Joe Nichols, Ron Westeren. Seated—Larry Morgan, Travis Davis, Demas Horn, Jeff Kerr, Dick McGinnis, Robert Swan, Lloyd Simpson, Gerald Hendricks. Front row—Roy Dirks, Dick Camel, Oren Fackeral, Ken Russell, Jerry Brewer, Raleigh Burr. Not pictured—Don Crook, Dennis Phetteplace, Dennis Fadling, Dick Schaffran, Advisers Bud Cross and Don Webberley.—Brookings Studio Photo.

BROOKINGS BOYS CAPTIVATE PORTLAND SAFETY MEETING

Brookings' gifts to the Highway Lifesavers of Oregon—a pair of dynamic young men — were back in town this week, and with them they brought the acclaim of the state life-saving group.

Art Stone and Roy Dirks, members of the Lucky 7 club which will be the Highway Lifesavers committee for Curry County, returned this week from the group's convention in Portland. They returned on a wave of publicity which was making them well-known throughout the state.

The young men stopped the show at Portland as they told an impressive gathering of volunteer workers, headed by two state governors, just how the Lucky 7 club works down here. Five times the speech given by Club President Art Stone was interrupted as the delegates applauded the irrepressible youngsters.

They didn't stop with making speeches. The boys made friends with VIPs from all over the state, starting with Governor Patterson and working their way down through bank presidents. In their spare time they trotted out to Beaverton to tell a group of boys there how they could do the same thing for Beaverton that the Lucky 7 club is doing for Brookings.

While in Portland, the boys were interviewed, photographed and broadcast, and by the time the convention was over they were — pretty well known young men.

On their way home, they cut a swath through the youth of western Oregon that won't be forgotten very soon.

According to Art, they have a simple technique. In Eugene, Coquille, Beaverton, and half a dozen other towns they talked to youths they met on the street, and by the time they left they usually had appointments to come back and help them start a Lucky 7 club.

Stranded by high water in Port Orford, the boys had a Lucky 7 club practically completed there by the time the waters went

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Women Cross-file Assault Complaint

In a four-way cross suit, two women have accused each other of assault and battery and disorderly conduct, following a row in a local tavern.

Municipal Judge Hans Nelson has set trial for December 8 for Mary Mederis and Diva Stoller, who were involved in a brawl in Ken's Tavern on November 23.

In two separate complaints, Mary Mederis has accused Mrs. Stoller of slapping her face and striking and beating her; and Mrs. Stoller has responded with a pair of like complaints, accusing the other woman of assaulting and beating her.

Retail Merchants Hold Meetings

Retail merchants of Brookings joined last night in a meeting designed to set up a retail merchants association here.

The meeting was the second held by the merchants. Earlier the group had elected officers and held a formative meeting.

Object of the organization, according to President Fred Moore, is to establish a Retail Merchant's Bureau here, which can cooperate on matters of mutual interest. One outgrowth of the meeting is expected to be a retail Credit Bureau.

In addition to President Moore, other officers elected were Larry Roemmer, vice president, and Elma Mitchell, secretary.

MAPLES BETTER

The many friends of "Bill" Maples will be glad to know that he is undergoing successful treatment of his afflictions in the Bay area and is now more sure of an early return to his home at Illahe. Mrs. Maples is down with him.

Silver Tea December 13

The Chetco Choral Club will entertain the public at a silver tea Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at the Baptist Church, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The chorus will sing a group of songs at 3 and at 4. Mrs. Norine Harvey will accompany the singers.

GARDEN CLUB PUSHES OUTDOOR XMAS LIGHTS

A campaign to make Brookings one of the state's most beautifully illuminated cities this Christmas has been opened by the Azalea Garden Club.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gladys Lindskoug, the club is trying to get residents to join in illuminating their outside grounds this holiday season.

Possibilities for a contest in which the outstanding lighting jobs would win prizes has been discussed, and may be carried through.

Local residents are being contacted by members of the club, who are urging that the outside lighting project be supported.

Local merchants are stocking the necessary equipment to provide beautifully illuminated outside plantings at a minimum of costs. In addition, Garden Club members are showing patterns which may help local residents in selecting their outside lighting plans.

Mrs. Lindskoug and her committee hope, this Christmas, to make Brookings a beautifully lit city — one which will attract attention from everyone, and which will bring pride to all residents here.

CRAIGS HAVE GUESTS

The Don Craigs had as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig, Sr., and Don's brother Kenneth and his family, all from College Place, Wash.

CHARTER GROUP MEETS FRIDAY

The Citizen's committee on a City Charter will resume their deliberations Friday evening in the city council chambers.

The group, which last week elected Ed Dempsey president and opened the investigation of a charter will take under consideration a trial document submitted by City Attorney Ed Ackley.

The charter submitted by Ackley, which is modelled on a charter prepared by the Municipal Research Bureau of the League of Oregon cities, embodies two changes which the group indicated they favored at their first meeting. However, the group will probably consider the whole document in detail.

Members of the group are: C. Ed Dempsey, W. W. Chadwick, Archie, Hendricks, Paul Davis, Glenn Rogers, Merrill Bullock, Mrs. Roy Weideman, Dora Beaulieu, Mrs. Corderman, Bill Phelps, Arthur Knox, Estes Morton, Hugh Bronson, Mr. Tygart, Ken Osborne and Fred Moore.

The group has been asked by the city council to help them formulate the charter which is to be voted upon by the people of the city next year. The group will make recommendations to the council after they have completed their study.