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The Council and the Charter

The action of the Brookings City Council in appointing a committee of citizens to help them formulate a charter for the city is, in our opinion, a magnificent example of democracy at work. Although the council has full authority to arrive at the charter which will be presented to the people some time next year, they have been eager to have suggestions from the city, and their action in appointing the committee has proven their excellent intentions.

And, by enlisting the advice of outside people, the council has also effectively shown that its only interests in this matter are the interests of the people of the city.

Among the many questions which have been asked is this: Just what is the significance of a charter, why is it necessary, and how are we operating now?

Technically speaking, a charter is not necessary to a city, although we know of no incorporated city which operates without one.

This city operates under a provision of law in the state Constitution at the present time, which reserves the rights of a municipality to that municipality. A charter does the same, but in more specific terms.

In actuality, the need of a charter shows up when a city undertakes the duties of government. Thus, without a charter, it would be possible for the people of this city to float a bond issue, but it is extremely doubtful if anyone would buy the bonds. The same would go for the city's recognition in legal matters in which it might be embroiled. Without a charter there is the possibility of lack of recognition of the legal status of the city government.

The Charter should, in the words of the Municipal Research Bureau of the University of Oregon, be brief, and broad. It is a document which states to the world that Brookings is a responsible municipality with its own government, and should be recognized as such.

It is not, necessarily, an enumeration of the powers the city has; those are covered by state laws. Basically, it establishes the form of city government, the terms of office, the officers of the city, and their method of election or appointment, and the boundaries of the city.

When the citizens of this city approve a city charter, Brookings will have stepped over the line upon which it has stood since incorporation, to its place among the cities of Oregon.

The Issue in 1954

Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin has told the world that he and McCarthyism will be the issue in the next election. We hope he's wrong. Not because we in any way countenance the inexcusable laxness of the last administration in its handling of Communists in government. But because we have seen what McCarthy does with what evidence does come to light in his hearings.

We don't think Harry Truman was disloyal. Blind, stubborn, misled—yes. And we have no doubt his administration was riddled with communists in high places.

But a hatred of communism is no excuse for fascism, and in McCarthy the administration is saddled with a man who would stop at no barrier in his search for power.

There was a time when this nation overlooked one basic point: Because the Communists were opposed to the fascists, that did not make them our friends. Failure to remember that cost the free world China and Balkan Europe, and might have enslaved the world.

And now the wheel is turning full circle. Because we hate and fear Communism we must not forget that it is not the only evil in the world. If McCarthy succeeds in his attempt to become the symbol of the Republican party, we will surely learn it again—the hardest way.



**FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH**
By
**CLIFFORD P.
ROWE**

There was a time when I considered the telephone a necessity in any home. Of late, however, I am considering very seriously the matter of having the thing removed if for no other reason than to give me peace and quiet.

I can still remember very distinctly when the ringing of the phone meant that someone wished to speak with me or my wife. To be perfectly honest, it was more often for her than for me. Yet I was always the gentleman, as well as curious, so I always answered it. It got to be a habit and as such was accepted by all.

Just recently, though, it dawned on me that circumstances had changed considerably. I find I am now answering the phone about 15 times a day: ten of those calls are for my daughter, three are for my son, and my wife gets the remaining two. But does one of them ever answer it? Absolutely not!

We may all be sitting around the living room. The good wife will be sewing, the son will be studying his Latin, I will be reading, and the daughter will be doing one of a million confusing things that an eighth grader is capable of doing. The phone rings. No one makes a move. It rings again. No one bats an eyelash.

By this time I have torn myself away from my book and have the receiver off its hook only to find, as usual, that one of the offspring is wanted. I am almost tempted to bribe one of my friends to call me some day just so I can say that one trip wasn't wasted.

The thing that burns me most is when one of my son's pals calls. They used to say "Is little Clifford there?" and I would call my son.

Nowadays they ask "Is big Clifford there?" and when I answer that this is he speaking, they cruelly put me in my place by retorting, "No, we want to talk to your son."

Not only am I wearing myself out answering the phone, but it also seems that I am now entering the phase of being insulted in the bargain.

**COMMERCIAL
BOWLING
LEAGUE**

Results Nov. 30

Brookings Market 4, vs. Oregon State Bank 0.

B & H Logging 2½, vs. Barrys Bowlers 1½.

Kerr Hdwe. 3, vs. VFW 966 1.
Harbor Garage 4, vs. Brookings Machine 0.

Standings

| | W | L | Points |
|-------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Harbor Garage | 34 | 14 | |
| Brookings Market | 31 | 17 | |
| Brookings Machine | 30 | 18 | |
| VFW 966 | 25 | 23 | |
| B & H Logging | 24½ | 23½ | |
| Barrys Bowlers | 22½ | 25½ | |
| Kerr Hardware | 18 | 30 | |
| Oregon State Bank | 7 | 41 | |

High Scores

Individual game, Jones 200; individual series, L. Dimmick 535, Osborne 528; team game, Harbor Garage 817; team series, Brookings Market 2331.

LIBRARY NOTES

Books may be borrowed from the Chetco Community Public Library without charge.

This announcement is made because of inquiries as to how much the service costs. The library board wishes to repeat the facility functions the same as any other library of comparable size. All applications for loans will be welcomed and processed at the library desk Tuesday and Friday afternoons, from 2 until 5 o'clock. There are charges, however, for certain new books and for books kept past the regular borrowing period, and for volumes damaged or lost.

At Monday night's meeting of the board, the treasurer said there was \$183.53 in the book purchase fund, part of which was from the Harbor Community Club and \$22.08, and from the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary rummage sale of paper bound volumes, \$14.81.

Very much appreciated gifts of books came from R. L. Jenkins and from Mrs. Lyle Redfield. Space is in crying need and Mrs. Earl Simpson, board member, is

going to build some more shelves. Important progress has been made on the new building, despite the weather. Charlie Stanhurst has set the rough plumbing so now the remainder of the concrete can be poured.

At the meeting, a much appreciated donation of all the studding needed will be forthcoming from the Westwood planer.

Mrs. Charles Schaal reported several new memberships turned in to board members. The fee is \$2.50 and the fund is now being added to what will be expended on the building.



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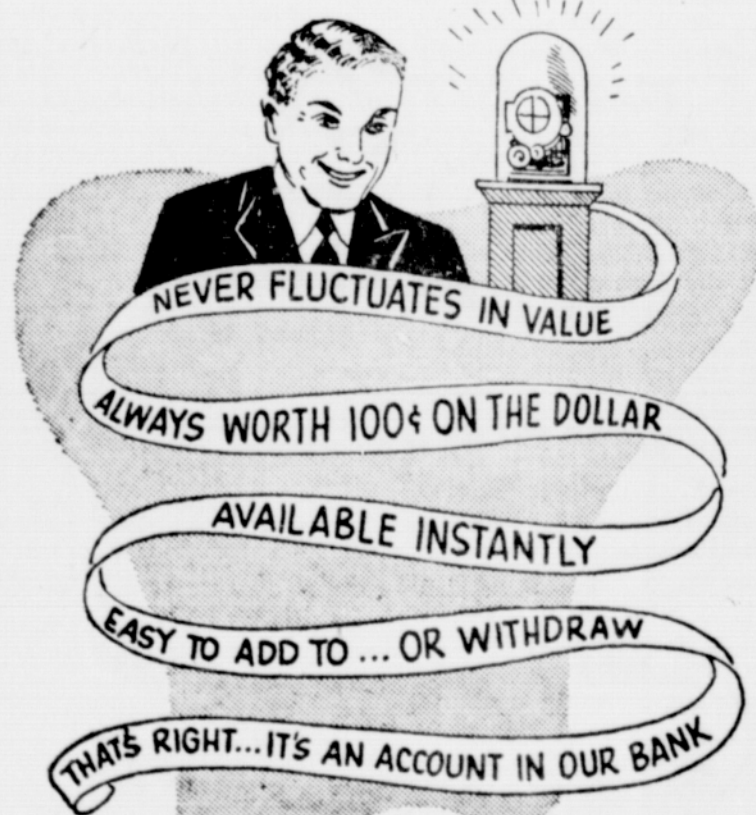
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