

**On the Reef**

By BILL PHELPS

Having a very romantic nature, we dread the day that the sun finally shines and the water begins to seep away from the slough that was once known as Pioneer road. As it is, the lake there gives this town a certain quaint distinction.

How many places do you know of provide the recreational facilities of Pioneer Road? Where else, for instance, could you moor your boat in your driveway, and take your choice of your method of transportation . . . providing you're able to move? And where else in this bright and shining land could the children learn to swim by falling off the front porch?

But, as usual, we're probably on the wrong side, and the city will, some year, undoubtedly drain the lake . . . and all the residents can go up and count the missing automobiles that are probably bogged down there.

As far as that goes, we've already heard a rumor that C. Ed Dempsey's Chevrolet (oh, what a horrid word!) wasn't really in Reno at all. It was sitting under the waters on Pioneer Road, and the city dragged it out, and returned it when no one was looking.

But that's just a rumor . . . and we've got better ones than that. We tried to start a rumor that the Christmas tea given by the Chetco Choral Club was on the 31st. But Mrs. Rice stopped that. We really did it in a good cause.

This paper makes so many mistakes, that we knew no one would believe us if we told them the right day. So we said the 31st, figuring people would say "well, we know it isn't that day—now let's find out what day it really is."

Same way with the little statement we put in Mrs. Rice's interview in which we said she followed her husband to Carlsbad. She denies this, and, since she had no husband at the time, we concede that she has a point there. She also denies following anyone else's husband there, and I think we'd better concede that one too. But she found the Colonel there . . . so we were just a little premature.

As far as that goes, I don't think I wrote it that way in the first place, anyway. Doris must have changed it when she copy-read it. I never make mistakes.

Up at Highway Market, there's a girl who works at the check stand named Irene Beyer. She has a hobby that is both unique and immensely satisfying.

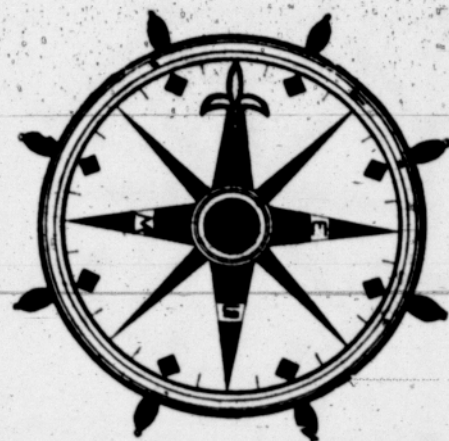
Irene adopts people. Not in the ordinary sense, but in the same way. Every Christmas she's devising some method of bringing a little cheer to the people who would never have it without her.

This year she has a jar on the counter for donations for gifts she will send to the patients at the State Hospital. They'll be little things—shaving things and candy, cosmetics for the women (and they are an immensely important gift to patients there)—little things—but they mean that someone outside is thinking of them.

She gets quite a bit of support in her efforts, too. Her bosses, Don and Lyle Vaughn, have a habit of taking odd items off the shelf and tossing them into her growing pile of gifts— ("probably never sell it anyway", Don mutters.) In fact they took a five dollar bill out of the till to start her off . . . ("probably counter-

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Thursday, December 10, 1953

## COUNCIL ASKS DRAINAGE OF PIONEER LAKE

The Brookings City Council entertained a group of property owners from the Pioneer Road area last Tuesday night, and soothed them with plans to drain the lake that now occupies the Pioneer Road.

The Council decided to have the school district install a culvert under the road at that point, and run a temporary open ditch across school board property.

Draining the lake will make a few homes now practically inaccessible a little easier to get to.

Work on Pioneer road is being done under an agreement with the school board, by which the road will be lowered to the level of the High School to be built there.

The school board is financing lowering of the road, which has been criticized by near-by residents for several days, due to heavy rains.

City Attorney Ed Ackley told the city, however, that regardless of who does the work the city is the responsible party, and he advised them to get improvements underway in the torn-up section, and to do it promptly.

In other action, the council decided to open negotiations with the state highway department for the repair and improvement of down town sidewalks along Chetco Avenue.

Sections of the sidewalks, which border the state highway through town, are in bad repair, and the Council wishes to have them put into better condition.

## School Election to Decide On Leaving Rural District

### Chamber Meets, Eats Tonight At VFW Hall

New officers for the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce will be elected at the December meeting of the Chamber, to be held tonight at the VFW Hall.

The meeting was moved to the hall after a conflict of dates at the place originally scheduled.

According to President Clive Manley, dinner will begin at 7 P.M., with the ladies of the Altar Society of Star of the Sea church doing the honors.

Guest speaker for the evening will be County Judge Guy Forsyth, who will appear before the meeting.

To be elected tonight are the officers who will guide the chamber through the coming year. Included are the Officers and three directors who are to be elected.

### BID ACCEPTED

The Brookings City Council Tuesday accepted the low bid for petroleum products, submitted by Foster and Bolvi.

Under the bid, the firm will furnish gasoline for city vehicles at 29.5 cents and 31.2 cents; diesel fuel at 17.5 cents and oil at .30 per quart.

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### JAGGER HOME BURNS TUESDAY

Fire Tuesday morning completely destroyed the D. C. Jagers home, about two and a half miles up the Chetco, with all its contents.

None of the family were at home at the time of the blaze. The structure burned completely to the ground.

According to neighbors of the Jagers, the fire was first discovered about ten A.M., a half hour after the Jagger family had gone to Brookings. When discovered, the fire was burning so rapidly that efforts to stop the flames were futile.

The Jagers did not know of their loss until later in the day, when they were found and notified.

For the present, the Jagers are staying at the Harbor Trailer Court while they make plans for the future.

### Mrs. Stafford Head Of Bulb Growers

Mrs. L. G. Stafford of Harbor was elected President of the Pacific Bulb Growers Association at the meeting of that group held last Tuesday, at the Harbor Rod and Gun Club.

Assisting Mrs. Stafford will be Cecil Watts, Vice President; and Mrs. Eunice Wallam, Secretary-Treasurer.

Newly elected members of the Executive board are: Herman Koblenzer of Port Orford; Robert Stanhurst of Brookings; Harold Surprise of Arcata, Calif.; and Lionel Burroughs, Crescent City.

Growers from Dayton, Oregon to Arcata attended the meeting, called to strengthen the cooperation among lily bulb producers.

Also named during the session were members of two committees membership and market investigation.

Area members on the membership committee are: Joe Rose for Del Norte county; Josephine Pedroni for Humboldt county; Bob Chambers for Harbor; Bob Stanhurst for Brookings; Herman Koblanzer for North Curry; Clifford Walker of Albany for the Williamette Valley.

On the market investigation committee are Clifford Walker, Chairman; Otto Turley, Harbor; and William Fischer of Smith River.

### STATION BEING BUILT

Work is progressing on the new Richfield Service Station being built by Foster and Bolvi on the highway. Present plans call for the station to be opened about January 1.

Voters of the Brookings-Harbor School Districts will vote Monday, December 21, on whether to withdraw from the County Rural School District.

Directors of the school board voted unanimously Tuesday night to refer the question to the voters at that time.

The recently-completed school census shows that the District is now a first class school district, and state law provides that the election must be held before withdrawal can take place.

The Directors of the school district say that they are convinced that school taxes will be less if withdrawal takes place, and they have unanimously recommended withdrawal to the voters.

The school census just completed shows 1019 children of school age in District 17, compared with 910 last year. The District automatically has the advantage of first class status when the total exceeds 1,000. The local district is the only one in Curry County with first class status.

The first name on the census list is George Adams, an eight year old, and the last is Lee Ziegler. Between them are 555 boys and 464 girls, who'll make it a rough leap year about 12 years from now.

The largest age class is seven year olds, with a total of 95 boys and girls in that category.

### DAD'S NIGHT SUCCESSFUL

Dad's night at PTA was a howling success with lots of Dads, lots of people, lots of fun.

The prize for best attendance was won by Room 6, Mrs. Geaney and Mrs. Martins.

Mrs. Rod Herman, membership chairman, reported 282 members, 171 mothers and 111 fathers, but still hopes for a few more to be able to meet this year's quota.

Following Mrs. Archie Hendrick's report on the scholarship of \$120.00 to be given a senior this year, the organization voted to hold a Christmas Goodies Sale at the Chetco Drug Store, December 12 to raise money for this and other projects.

The program arranged by chairman "Bing" Crosby, with Roy Brown as master of ceremonies was a succession of laughs beginning with a skit by Bille Guthrie, Russell Beem, Donald Ritchey, Ellis Yelton, and Bill Higham, under Mr. Tobin's direction, a "dissertation" by Frenchy Arrell, a pantomime by "Bing" and son, Allen, and climaxed with a stunt in which Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. Fred Fox tried to identify their own husbands by "feel".

Bob Dick played a piano solo. Continued on Back Page

## Bruins Open Season With Pair of Wins

The Brookings Bruins opened and closed their Class A District play last week, by taking a pair of wild, weird basketball games from Illinois Valley. The Bruins won Friday at Cave Junction, 48 to 47, and Saturday here, 60-56.

And, while they were at it, the two teams gave the fans a preview of what they can expect when football comes to Brookings.

The Bears play again Tuesday when they journey to Crescent City, and Coach Art Guthrie is praying fervently that they play this one standing up.

They didn't the last two. The opener at Cave Junction was a rearing, scrambling melee that had the two teams on the floor most of the time. But there was nothing unkempt about the finish.

With 45 seconds to play, and the Cougars clinging desperately to a three point lead, Dennis Phetteplace calmly dropped a pair of gift shots through to make it 47-46. And then, with the Cougars desperately stalling, the Bears broke in to grab the ball, and Ray Westerner arched a last mom-

ent howitzer from the center of the court that dropped through as the gun sounded.

It was a heartbreaker for Illinois Valley, who had fought from behind to overtake the manpower-shy Bruins, and had gone into the lead for the first time in the last quarter.

But for Brookings, it was a well-earned triumph. The Bruins already shorthanded, were hanging on early in the last quarter, but came roaring back to win.

Ron Westerner and Ken Russell divided scoring honors for Brookings, with Ron getting 14, and Ken, 11. Reinsohl led the Cougars with 11.

Saturday night it happened all over again, but not quite so dramatically. The Bruins moved into an early lead, with the Westerner brothers piling up the points, then had to fight off a savage Illinois Valley rally to win. With less than two minutes to go, the Cougars closed to one point, but they faded as Brookings went into a tight stall, and pulled out to a

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