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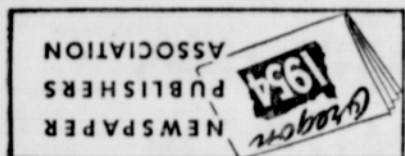
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The Problem of the Azalea Festival

This week, and for some weeks past, the members of the All-Year Events Association were looking for a man to head the Azalea Festival this year. And they were having trouble finding one.

The reasons that they were having trouble are fairly obvious. In the past, the men who have headed the Festival have had to carry the load of the show practically alone. It has been a hard-working, heart-breaking, thankless job, and the only reward they have had is their personal satisfaction in a Festival which is one of the most beautiful things in Oregon.

The men who have carried on the festival have done so at great personal sacrifice. And, once having accepted the job, they usually find themselves regarded as suckers by the community for allowing themselves to be embroiled in it.

Now, does this mean that this city does not want the Festival? Possibly not. It just means it doesn't want to go to the trouble of holding it.

Actually, a number of proposals have been advanced concerning the Festival. One proposal is to abandon it completely. A second is to drop in favor of an enlarged Lily Festival. A third is to turn it over to the High School Students, to make into a graduation exercise... a sort of Junior Weekend, in which the other classes honor the graduating Seniors.

We realize that two full-scale celebrations are a burden on a city of this size. Perhaps it is true that the people of a town this size simply cannot afford the time and care necessary to carry on the two.

As for us, we'd hate to see the Azalea Festival go. Three thousand people gathered here last year in Azalea park... and they carried the story of its beauty throughout Oregon. That's an asset that would be hard on this city to lose.

We don't know the answer. Perhaps the leaders will arise to carry it through another successful season, and perhaps the people of Brookings will give them their support. Perhaps it should be turned over to the High School. Perhaps it will have to be abandoned.

What do you think?

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**FOR
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By
**CLIFFORD P.
ROWE**

I'm willing to wager that everyone at some time or another has had a secret ambition which prodded him so long that he finally decided to do something about it. In my case, I have always wanted to write a book.

Queer as it may seem, my desire is not to write a best-seller which would enable me to spend the rest of my days in luxury. Rather just to see my name on the cover and to feel that people would enjoy reading it would be ample reward.

During the past two and a half years, I have written something like 130 weekly columns under the "For What It's Worth" heading. Now some of my friends have suggested that I reprint some of their favorites in a small booklet which could be made available to readers. I like the idea very much but cannot afford to print such a booklet unless I know that enough people would be interested to make it practicable financially.

I can get a 20-page booklet printed which selling at 25 cents apiece would keep the project out of the red. Approximately five by eight inches in size, it would contain about 20 of the best articles I have written, with selection being based for the most part on those which you have indicated you liked best.

There are three ways in which you can help me come to a decision. Perhaps the best would be to write the editor of this paper a card or letter stating that you would be interested in investing 25 cents in such a booklet. Or you could call the paper on the phone giving the same information. I am sure the editor would be glad to forward the number to me.

Thirdly, if you have the time, you could write directly to me. Would appreciate knowing which columns you like to have included, also. If the response is low, I will just forget the idea. My address is 2020 18th Avenue, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Charter Group Meets Friday

The citizen's Charter Committee will resume its regular meetings Friday night, at the City Hall, according to Chairman Ed Dempsey.

Members of the committee at that time will take up the consideration of the trial charter submitted to them by City Attorney Ed Ackley.

The group hopes to make its recommendations to the City Council soon, so that the Charter may be voted upon at the May primary election.

School Reopens; Many Pupils Ill

School reopened this week with a slight swelling of population, but a drop in attendance figures, according to Superintendent Lynn Hampton.

Six new students were added, with two in the high school and four in the grade school. But minor illnesses were cutting into daily attendance records. Three teachers were also temporarily absent, due to illness.

SCOUT COMMITTEE ASKS HELP ON NEW BUILDING PROGRAM

By C. A. PAIGE

There will be a Scout building committee meeting at the IOOF Hall 8 p.m. Monday night, Jan. 11, 1954. Everybody come so we can get this project on its way and finished.

1954 has started out fairly well on our Scout building. The foundation is in. They finished pouring concrete Saturday, Jan. 2. That is fine, but it will take more co-operation from more people to get this building done. Blain Gribble is in charge and has the complete plans. See him.

First of all, getting our logs hauled, is most important. Logs are all located on the highway between here and Carpenterville. Anybody having a truck or can help in this project see Art Crook and Carl Berger. We need 'em quick.

Next is the fill for the concrete slab for the floor. Art Gibbs has his gravel loader on Ostenberg bar. He says he will load any trucks that will come up. He will donate several loads and haul in, himself. Anybody having a dump truck or can help on this deal, contact Mr. Gribble or Mr. Gibbs. We need lots of fill rocks.

It is time for the roughed-in plumbing to be put in, also. Several local plumbers have promised to aid us on this. If you are a plumber or can help, or have a piece of soil pipe or any material for this rough-in job, see Mr. Gribble. We already have on hand two toilets and two wash basins, complete with fittings.

Right now there is some work at the building site, pulling the form lumber and taking nails out of the good material and piling it. Mr. Crain, Mr. Sanders, where are your Scouts? Contact Blain Gribble.

Now this building seems like a big job. It would be for one or two, but if all of us will co-operate, it is just a little job. So let's all co-operate and get it done. There shouldn't be any personal feelings involved, this building is for all Scouts, Girl and

Boy, and will be owned by them. The Odd Fellows just hold the deed and have a committee out working on the building.

As most of the people around Brookings and Harbor know, Mr. Ward King gave the land for Scout use only. Mr. King is now residing in Wyoming, but for a long time he lived in Brookings. This sort of building is what the Scouts have needed for a long time. In the past, as any sponsoring institution will tell you, the sponsor of a Scout troop or any other branch of Scouting, have had a hard time providing a meeting place for their charges. Now the Scouts will have a place of their own. As the Scouts are not incorporated, and no organization may hold a deed unless incorporated, Mr. King had the deed made out to the Odd Fellows, conditions set forth, for Scout use only.

As stated before, getting our logs hauled is most important. We have a deal on to trade logs for plywood and lumber with the Brookings Plywood. The State Highway commission gave the Scouts all of the logs dumped along the highway between here and Carpenterville. As we are about ready for more lumber we need these logs very soon. Also I understand that one load is missing, so if we don't get them hauled soon, maybe there won't be any left.

Let's everybody come to the meeting, stated above. What will take a few a long time can be done by all in no time. We owe it to our kids to try and help.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who were so kind and helpful during the recent illness of Dick and his mother. Also for the beautiful cards and flowers.

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