

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

EVERY SO OFTEN we do something around here that we're apt to regret for the rest of our days. We did it again last week.

H. A. Wilbanks, out at Wilbank's Market, is inordinately proud of his bowling team which, at last reports, was still undefeated in league play. When we got the results last week, which told of his team sweeping four more games, we just couldn't stand it. We wrote the story very carefully, and we completely omitted any mention of H. A.'s team.

We weren't there, but Frances tells us that Henry tore a brand new hole in the kitchen ceiling when he read the paper. Had to quit work for a couple of days. And he swore, very vocally, that he'd get even with us if it's the last thing he does.

Now I'm wasting away to a shadow. Afraid to eat the hamburger . . . probably full of ground glass. Getting awfully tired of beans I don't think I'll do that to H. A. any more.

And, anyway, it was Archie Hendrick's idea.

◆ We awoke the other day to our first frost in Brookings, and everything was silvery in the bright sunlight. Mount Emily was shining in the sun with its snow-covered cap looking like an ice cream cone.

It came right after a storm, and also right after Mrs. Akers' story, which told that we had had 105 inches of rain during 1953. And it came, too, on the heels of reports of six inch snowfall and freezing weather in the Portland area.

It's surprising that we can have the heavy rainfall we have here and still have so much beautiful weather. Our storms sweep in and deluge us, and a few days later the sun beams down again.

Besides that, we're feeling a little smug about our weather, anyway. Mrs. Webb Hibbard tells us she received a letter from a friend in Los Angeles this week, consoling us for all the rain and storms she had heard that we had. Down there, she says they've been basking in Southern California sunshine—at about 30 degrees—for two weeks.

LITTLE AL THE GOAT RAISES BIG STINK IN LIONS CLUB

By STEINIE

Although the Brookings-Harbor Lions club has had a 90 per cent average attendance the last year, the directors felt it should be 100 per cent—and therein lies a tale.

At the regular bi-weekly meeting Wednesday, January 13, Lions celebrated the birthday of Secretary Herschel Chaney and President "Pop" Reed at the Chetco Inn (*The Sign of the Golden Goat*). Birthday cakes and the blowing out of candles was in order. Since Pop Reed could only blow out 2 of his 27 candles, he was presented with a birthday gift—a real live billy goat.

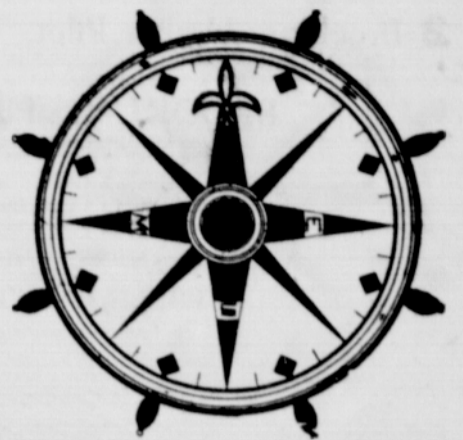
Presentation of the goat was made to Pop right in the Inn's dining room, and after protests, Little Al the Goat was taken out.

The subject of attendance was again brought up, and right then and there members voted that the Lions Goat (which was purchased and imported from up the Chetco—the Lions Do have a goat) should be used to boost attendance.

Members missing one or more meetings are to take care of Little Al for two weeks. Emil Mitch-

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Residents Asked To Ballot On Future Azalea Festival

What shall we do with the Azalea Festival?

That was the problem which faced the All Year Events Association this week, as the date to set up the celebration drew closer. No head for the event has yet been appointed.

Directors of the association this week asked local residents to help them decide the future course of the festival. They asked this week that readers of this paper fill out the ballot on this page, and deposit it in the box furnished in the post office.

Most local people seemed reluctant to let the festival fade away. But directors of the association were somewhat dubious as to how many would back up their wishes with aid for the festival.

Supporters of the festival pointed out the fact that the Azalea Festival is a unique institution, and is one of the loveliest events held anywhere. An increasingly large number of visitors are drawn yearly to the event, which has attracted the attention of travel groups as well as private citizens.

But others pointed out that the Azalea Festival plus the Lily Festival was just too large a burden for the people of this city to bear, and suggested that one be dropped in favor of the other. Another suggestion has been that the Azalea Festival be turned over to the schools as a graduation celebration.

Directors of the All-Year Events group were awaiting the results of the balloting this week before they lay plans for the 1954 edition of the festival. All interested citi-

OPEN HOUSE TO AID IN DRIVE AGAINST POLIO

The March of Dimes will receive a shot in the arm Saturday night, when its sponsoring organization, the Lions Club, will hold open house at the Cliff House.

The Lions will be host during the evening for an evening of entertainment and dancing for local people. All profits from the sale of food and drink throughout the evening will go to the March of Dimes.

Scheduled for the evening is a full program of entertainment for supporters of the March of Dimes. Local entertainers will offer their services in an effort to boost the swelling totals to be used in the fight against polio.

The Lions are requesting everyone who would like to appear on the show to come out and join in, also. Already scheduled is the quartet from the Barbershoppers, comedians, Luther Tisdale, and a number of others.

Food and beverages will be served all through the evening, with the profit from their sales going to the drive. There will be no cover charge and no admission charge.

Proceeds for the evening above expenses will be presented to the drive by the management of the Cliff House.

zens were requested to vote.

Voters were asked to sign their names, too, so that the vote would reflect a serious and sincere body of opinion.

Fire Damages Hedberg Mill

Fire at the Hedberg Lumber company plant did about \$2,000 worth of damage Saturday morning before being extinguished.

The fire was controlled by a volunteer bucket brigade which formed to help the owners quell the blaze.

The fire was discovered by the Hedbergs, who fought it for two hours before help arrived. Then Bob Rettke, driving by, saw the blaze and brought volunteers from town to help. The volunteers formed a bucket brigade which conquered the blaze.

Cause of the blaze is not definitely known, but may have been caused by a spark smoldering in sawdust. The blaze was confined to the conveyor system.

NO ONE INJURED IN CAR COLLISION

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Olsen and Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Becker were involved in an accident at the junction of Hiway 101 and Benham Lane last week.

No one was injured, although Mrs. Olsen suffered some shock. Both cars were damaged.

Ellsworth Names Thompson For Postmaster Here

Representative Harris Ellsworth announced this week that he had nominated William G. Thompson to be the new Postmaster at Brookings.

The appointment virtually seals the job for Thompson, since it is a matter of routine for it to be confirmed. Thompson probably will take over as temporary postmaster before confirmation within the next two weeks.

Thompson has been a resident of Brookings for three years, serving at the present time as production engineer for Lake Pleasant Plywood Company. A graduate of Peru (Nebraska) Teachers college, he originally came here as a teacher. He is married and has four children.

TAX APPRAISAL MAN TO SPEAK

Harry J. Logan, chief appraisal engineer of the Assessment and Appraisal Division of the State Tax Commission, will address the annual banquet of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce next Friday, January 28.

The chamber dinner will be held at the Harbor Grange hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ladies of the Assembly of God church will serve.

The meeting will mark the installation of new officers of the chamber, elected for the coming year. Plans and reports on the work of the chamber also will be given at that time.

Mr. Logan will address the chamber on the problem of equitable assessment of property taxes within the framework of the county.

As chief appraisal engineer, Mr. Logan has been concerned with the problem of equitable appraisal of property taxes, and has been active in the reappraisal work being carried on in a number of counties in Oregon.

HOME FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Weideman returned last Sunday from a trip to southern California. This was Roy's first vacation in ten years.

LIFESAVERS PLAN SAFETY DRIVE IN FEBRUARY

Curry county's highway lifesavers. The Lucky 7 Club, were preparing this week for a month long safety campaign for Brookings.

Members of the club under President Art Stone have prepared a full program of safety education, with the cooperation of state and local police, (their sponsoring organization, the Rotary club, and local business men.

President Stone said the program would be built around these factors:

1. A check of safety devices on local automobiles, to be carried out with the cooperation of police and Ed Dempsey, local automobile dealer. Police plan to set up checking stations under which the horn, brakes, lights, etc., of cars will be checked. The lifesavers will give the car owner a red or green sticker, according to the condition of his car.

Ed Dempsey will also give automobile checks at his garage to advise local drivers as to whether or not their cars are safe, during the campaign. Lucky 7 boys will also assist there.

2. A program of bicycle education for local kids, to be carried out by the club. Members of the group will advise youngsters on the proper way to ride bicycles in traffic, and will show them films on the subject.

3. The erection of banners at the approaches of Brookings, advising travelers that "We drive safely in Brookings."

4. Distribution and signing of pledges for safe driving, in cooperation with the Oregon Journal's safety campaign. Members of the club hope to get 1,000 signatures to the pledges.

President Stone said an all-out effort would be made by the boys to reduce driving accidents in this area. And the club was getting assistance from interested individuals throughout the area.

RETURN FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Duncan have returned from an extended trip. The Duncans spent Christmas in Portland and went on to Wyoming before returning to Brookings.

All-Year Events Association

Shall we continue the Azalea Festival as we have in the past?.....

Shall we reduce it, and turn it over to the schools?.....

Shall we eliminate it entirely?.....

Will you assist in carrying it out?.....

Any other suggestions.....

Signed

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