

## On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

SOME OF YOU MAY have thought that was thunder you heard the other night, but we know better. That was H. A. Wilbanks looking at his advertisement in The Pilot. Henry had a fine special on boiling beef, 2 lbs. for 35c. We didn't think that was enough, so we raised it to 35c a pound. Have to look out for Henry, you know. But he didn't seem to appreciate it. Guess the next time we'll put the prices in the way he wants them.

Of course Henry claims that's why his bowling team lost Wednesday. Says we threw him all of form . . . in fact he accused us of doing it just so Hendricks Furniture could beat them. . . . I wonder how he found out?

♦ Speaking of weather, which we rarely do on days like this, we were pleased to hear that the Chamber is sending five copies of our paper to prospective residents here. Seems we said something nice about the weather in it.

We're wondering, now, just what to do with this issue. Probably the Chamber will read the story on that electrical storm and try to suppress this issue. We can see where that might lead to falling sales for us, and that disturbs us worse than anything I can think of. Guess from now on, we'll just report it fair and sunny.

Wandered up the coast the other day for the first time in quite awhile, and we were pleasantly surprised to find some nice sections of highway in operation. Actually, most of Hiway 101 from Port Orford to Reedsport is in pretty good shape, and those around the Reedsport-Coos Bay area which haven't been finished should be pretty soon. But we haven't yet figured out how to reach that part of the coast without going across the stretch just to the north of us—and by the time we get past there we're too sick to appreciate the rest of it. Please, Mr. Baldock, do something!

## VFW Celebrates 20th Birthday

February 3 is the birthday of Curry County Post 966, V.F.W., which will then have completed twenty years of unbroken, twice-a-month meetings. Very few organizations in Southwestern Oregon can equal or better this record. Arthur O. Bollinger, George Nelsen, of Brookings; Sidney A. Walker, of Pistol River, and Carl Metz, of Ilwaco, Washington, have a continuous membership record since their names appeared on the charter application in 1934. Post membership and that of the Ladies Auxiliary, formed in August, 1945, now numbers around 150 and steadily growing.

The local units have a long record of accomplishments for which they have many times been given exceptional recognition, both for their work with veterans and their families, and with others. Among similar groups they are noted for their very high attendance, averaging better than one-third their total enrollment.

All post and auxiliary members are urged to attend the February 3 meeting, not only because it is a birthday but plans will then be completed for the "Valentine Whing-Ding," set up for the evening of February 13, to raise funds for V.F.W. property improvement.

Al Phillips, post commander, says the record of the local post

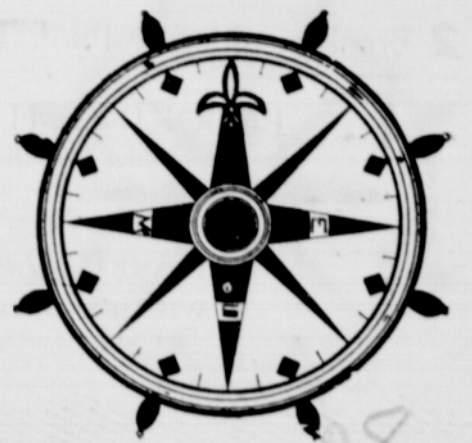
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## Grand Opening of New Station To Be Saturday



THIS IS THE recently completed M and P Richfield Service building, which will hold its Grand Opening Saturday. The new station was built by Foster and Bolvi, Richfield Distributors, and is being operated by Charles Majors and Jim Payne. Scheduled for the opening is a grand drawing, which will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m., as well as free prizes for all guests during the day.

(Brookings Studio Photo)

## Fuller Resigns As Deputy DA

William E. Fuller, deputy district attorney for Curry county Friday resigned his post, effective February 1.

In his letter of resignation, Fuller told Hall that he had understood he would serve as deputy DA until the end of this year, unless Hall also became a candidate. He said also that previous conversations with Hall had led him to believe that Hall felt the office could not be served properly from Brookings, and that he thus did not expect Hall to run again.

In Brookings, Hall confirmed that he had told Fuller it was proper for him to resign if he intended to campaign for the office. But he said that the other statements made by Fuller were "not factual."

Actually, Hall said, he had never contended that the office could not be served well from here, and that he had made no definite arrangement with Fuller as to length of service.

Hall has still not said definitely whether he will run for the position to which he was appointed last year.

## Chad's To Move This Week-end

Yes, Chad's moving, but not very far—just down the street to the Coffee Mill.

The restaurant will be closed Saturday afternoon and will reopen Monday morning for breakfast in the new location.

## BACK FROM VISIT

Mrs. J. O. Robinson returned this week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. James Peterson, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

## LIFESAVERS READY FOR SAFETY DRIVE

Plans were complete this week for the Curry County Lifesavers to inaugurate a safety campaign for the month of February.

But the Lifesavers were still anxiously scanning the skies, reluctant to put up their street banners before the present storms die down. Included in plans for the drive are two banners to be erected across the streets here, proclaiming that "we drive carefully in Curry county."

Also planned for the campaign is a period of instruction and inspection of bicycles, intended to forestall accidents to youngsters.

The boys will also cooperate with local police and with Dempsey Dodge and Plymouth in the inspection of cars. The police plan spot checks of cars to see whether they are safe to drive or not, and Dempsey's have offered to make free checks for motorists who wish to know if their car is in safe driving condition. In both cases the Lifesavers will put stickers on the windshields of those cars that are safe to drive, proclaiming that fact.

The Lifesavers will take their safety campaign throughout the county, hoping to identify at least 5,000 cars as safe to drive.

Other activities will include the signing of a pledge of safe driving. Highway Lifesavers will attempt to get as many motorists as possible to sign the pledge.

## Clinic Friday

The Well-Baby Clinic for examination of children of pre-school age will be held Friday, January 29, 9:30 to 12:00, at the elementary school.

This monthly clinic is sponsored by the T-B and Health association.

## Open House Adds to March Of Dimes Fund

The March of Dimes Open House, held Saturday at the Cliff House, netted the polio drive \$269.00, according to Lion president, Al Phillips.

The money came from celebrants who contributed to the fund while watching local entertainers, and from the Cliff House, which turned over profits for the evening to the drive.

While disappointed at the size of the crowd, Phillips said that those present made the evening successful by the size of their contributions. The guests applauded entertainers by pitching dimes on the floor, and added dimes as their fee for dancing through the evening.

Funds from the night's fun will be added to other contributions which are being taken in for the drive against polio. Phillips said this week that contributions seem to be coming in well, but there is need for much more.

## Annual Chamber Banquet Tonight

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce meets tonight in its annual banquet, with Harry J. Loggan, chief appraisal engineer for the State Tax Commission as principal speaker.

The meeting will be at the Harbor Grange hall at 7:30 p.m. Ladies of the Assembly of God church will be serving.

Taking office this evening will be the chamber's new president, Karl Ostberg, as well as the other new officers recently elected.

Mr. Loggan will speak on the equitable assessment of property taxes at the county level, and will invite questions on the subject after his talk.

## Lightning Disrupts Brookings

A crashing electrical storm Tuesday night did minor damage in Brookings and the vicinity, as well as major damage to the nerves of the inhabitants.

Torrential rain and winds accompanied the storm, which played around the city for an hour. When it passed, it had shattered 11 windows in the grade school, as well as in several homes, and caused other minor troubles.

School was dismissed the following morning because of the windswept condition of the school, as well as damaged electrical equipment. It resumed Friday, except in the Baptist church basement, where electrical parts of the furnace were damaged, and not repaired until Wednesday afternoon.

The storm played tricks all over the city. In some homes, it shattered light bulbs and rattled objects in the house, and a few inhabitants reported being shaken severely by the blast.

Coos-Curry Cooperative reported at least two transformer fuses were blown. Electricity in the city was intermittent with the Co-op keeping power on, but certain areas blacked out by transformer troubles.

Brookings Water Company reported a number of breaks in their mains, evidently caused by concussion from the electrical shock. All are being repaired without an interruption of service.

In the bowling alley, the shock knocked out the lighting system, and at the same time started the alarm bells at the foul lines ringing in the dark. Spectators in the theater saw a blinding flash as a door opened, and the screen went dark.

In Ed Hoar's home, the lightning blasted his switchbox off the wall, and Bob Vincent reported that the bolt evidently entered his chimney, scattering soot through his kitchen. The shock

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## Car Thief Gets 2 Year Sentence

An eighteen-year-old youth, James Barlow, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary last week for auto theft.

Barlow was apprehended recently in Gold Beach, after having stolen an automobile owned by Otis Gadsberry of Brookings.

The boy had twice previously been convicted of similar acts. He had served 10 months in Florida for auto theft, and at the time of his robbery here was on probation from a conviction of having transported a stolen vehicle across the Idaho state line.