

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

I HAVE BEEN betrayed. Betrayed grievously, and completely, and thoroughly, by the one person I thought I could trust, my wife.

And why? Just for a handful of silver, that's why. "After all, Dear," she said sweetly, "it was a cash printing job, and you've told me many a time never to turn down a cash printing job."

The rest of the "Draft Phelps" committee I can take care of. Some day a lonely pedestrian will stumble over a little heap of bodies in a back alley, and the "Draft Phelps" committee will have made their last public appearance. But Doris and Pete are a little different.

It was Doris that tipped them off when I left town so they could print those posters. But it was Pete that printed them, and, just between us he got them out of there faster than any printing has come off that press in years. I'd take care of him . . . if printers weren't so darned scarce. But if I bear down on Doris, there won't be anyone to run that paper. And after all, it WAS a cash printing job.

But some day . . . some day . . . I'll get even, although right now, I can't think of anything drastic enough to get even for those posters.

◆ WANDERED into Chad's today, thinking that maybe on a day like this you could say it was summer, and the waitresses would be wearing their shorts. I was informed, by them, that there was a slight error in Chad's ad last week. The person wearing the shorts, it seems, will be Chad himself.

◆ BUT THAT'S the most serious mistake we've made in, oh, three or four minutes. Which reminds me that you'll be expecting me to apologize somewhere in this sheet for turning over White Appliance's ad last week.

Well, I ain't going to do it. In the first place it was right side up. Just made a slight mistake and got everything else in the paper upside down. And in the second place it was Gene White's idea. She just wanted to see how many people noticed it. Could have told her . . . nobody, but nobody reads this sheet. Except you.

STATE TAX MAN TELLS CHAMBER OF NEED FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORMS

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce heard Harry J. Loggan, chief appraisal engineer for the State Tax commission, tell them Friday that, generally speaking, county property tax assessments aren't what they should be.

And that goes, he added in response to questions, for Curry county also.

Loggan told ninety members of the Chamber of Commerce that county assessments throughout the state are, in many cases, inequitable and based upon unrealistic values.

Reason for the lack of uniformity, Loggan said, is the lack of trained personnel in assessors' offices. Some progress is being made, he said, in bringing methods up to date, but there is much to be done.

Loggan went over the problems which county assessors face during his talk, and listed some of the remedies which are being applied. Some counties have signed contracts with the state tax commission for reappraisals of property within their boundaries, and a number of appraisals are being completed. Loggan said that fif-

teen counties have had their tax rolls revised under such a program.

Also being undertaken is a program under which the commission will furnish trained personnel for the offices of the county assessors, thereby helping them to provide proper methods of appraisal to the county rolls.

One of the chief difficulties in setting up a sensible tax base, Loggan said, was the difficulty of reaching realistic values for property, particularly real property. Many assessors have permitted property to remain on the rolls with values which do not hold true today, and the result has been that assessments have become inequitable. There is also difficulty, he said, in getting as-

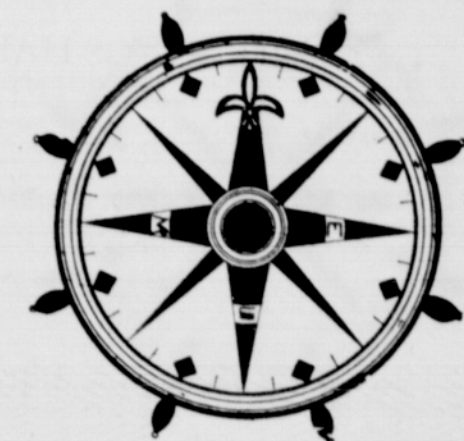
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Thursday, February 4, 1954

Voters Ask That Azalea Show Be Retained

Returns on the Azalea Festival ballots to date show that an overwhelming majority of voters are desirous of continuing the festival. The vote is running at about an 8 to 2 ratio.

However, the vote is very light and members of the All-Year Events Association were still wondering whether they would get enough community support to continue the celebration, which has attracted throngs from all over to Brookings every year.

Among the voters, the great majority favored retaining the festival as it is. A second group, which was represented by a few ballots, proposed retaining the festival, but eliminating the barbecue.

Voters who wished to turn it over to the schools numbered only a few, but they outnumbered those who wished to drop the festival entirely.

Members of the association expressed their gratification at the decisive vote in favor of the festival.

The complete tabulation follows:

In favor of retaining the festival	29
Retain festival, eliminate barbecue	3
Turn over to schools	3
Drop festival entirely	2

POLICE NUMBER

Brookings city police may be reached during the day at telephone 3193, or at the city recorder's number, 2854. In emergencies, he may be contacted by calling the Del Norte county sheriff, who will radio him.

Mrs. Virginia Mincer left Saturday on a buying trip to San Francisco. She will return today.

Hiway Group At Gold Beach Friday Night

The state legislature's interim committee on highways will hold a hearing in Gold Beach Friday, February 12, at 8:00 p.m., to discuss access provisions on Highway 101. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The only subject to be discussed, according to County Judge Guy Forsyth, are the access provisions which will govern construction of the road through Curry county. Location of the highway and other matters are not to be considered.

Considerable interest in the access provisions of the road has been expressed, and a number of people are expected to attend the hearing, hoping to get first-hand information on the contemplated access provisions.

Retail Merchants Plan Meeting

The Retail Merchants Association will hold a meeting at the Cliff House Thursday, February 11, according to Fred Moore, president of the organization.

The business meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. Members may come for dinner at seven.

Planned for the meeting is the election of permanent officers for the newly-formed organization. Reports will also be heard from the open hours committee, the credit committee, and the committee on a small-claims court.

All merchants in the city are urged to attend.

CHOOSE OFFICERS

The annual parish meeting of St. Timothy's Episcopal church was held at the Glenhurst home January 28, and the bishop's committee of the following officers was chosen: Senior warden, Glen Hurst; Junior warden, William Brown; treasurer, Roy Brown; secretary, Don Finch; key layman, Wm. Phelps.

Plans for the new church building were also discussed.

Founders Day At PTA Tonight

Thursday, February 4, the Parent Teacher Association will hold its annual Founder's Day program in the high school gym at 8 o'clock.

The following program has been planned for the evening:

Flag Salute
"Star Spangled Banner," sung by the membership, accompanied by the school band.

Music by the school band, directed by Robert Dick.

National PTA history.

Founder's Day hymn by members of the Chetco Coral club directed by Mrs. Helen Rice.

Local PTA history.

School chorus, directed by Robert Dick.

Honoring of past presidents.

Chetco Choral club, directed by Mrs. Helen Rice.

Cake and silver offering.

BROOKINGS PLYWOOD ANNOUNCES PLANS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

The Brookings Plywood Company this week announced plans to expand production of their plant here by fifty per cent.

The announcement was made by Ed Schoenbeck, president of the company, following a meeting between directors of the company and a committee of its creditors.

The proposed expansion is to be financed by a new stock issue of

\$250,000. Subscribers have already taken \$135,000 of the issue, leaving 23 shares to be subscribed.

The firm is confident that the other shares will be taken very soon. A. J. Honzel, general manager, said here, and is hoping that they will be held by local people.

"The creditors, to whom the corporation has pledged \$200,000 of the new issue, have been most helpful and cooperative with Brookings Plywood," Honzel said, "and will aid in making the expansion possible because of the excellent earning record of the plant here during the past nine months."

Even during the most depressed stage, when plywood prices hit a 12-year low, the local firm turned in a consistent profit, and has substantially reduced the obligations incurred during its organization.

The new plans call for the installation of a core lathe and a new drying unit, which will raise production of the plant from three million to four and one-half million feet per month. The core lathe, Honzel pointed out, will reduce a great deal of waste, since it will peel logs to a six-inch core, rather than the 12-inch core now wasted.

Effect of the increased production on Brookings and Curry county should be substantial, according to Honzel. The expansion will provide jobs for approximately fifty more families in the Brookings-Harbor area, and will raise yearly payrolls \$175,000 per year over the present \$1,125,000.

Log purchases will be increased \$500,000 per year over the present \$1,250,000. Together with other supplies purchased locally, the firm will distribute yearly a sum exceeding \$3,000,000 in Curry county, making it the county's largest industry.

Even more important, Honzel said, is the fact that increased capacity of the mill should help substantially toward a goal shared by every thinking Curry county citizen . . . to stop the flow of unmanufactured logs out of the county. With increased production Brookings Plywood is confident that loggers can find a market for their logs locally.

INQUIRERS' CLASS TO START MONDAY

A new series of Inquirers' Classes will begin Monday evening at 7:30 at the Chetco Inn. The classes will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Greenfield, and are open to anyone interested. People interested in the Episcopal church are invited to attend as well as Episcopalians who want to refresh themselves on church teaching, or those merely curious about the doctrine and worship of the church. The class will meet each Monday evening at the same time.

TREE PLANTING FOR ARBOR DAY

Plans are well underway for Brookings' first community observance of Arbor Day, which will be held at the school on Friday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Speaker for the event will be Mr. Albert Weisendanger of Salem, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green association. Mr. Weisendanger will speak at a general assembly of high school students to which the public is invited following tree planting ceremonies on the lawn.

The trees to be planted by honor guests and school children are seven flowering plums donated to the school along with other shrubs by the Azalea Garden club as part of its project to landscape the grounds.

Music will be furnished by the school band.

Parents, Kids Warned Against Air Rifles

A stern warning to both adults and juveniles concerning the use of air rifles and spring-operated guns was sounded this week by Police Chief Bud Cross and Municipal Judge Hans Nelson.

The warning followed reports of increasing damage caused by air rifles in the hands of juveniles. A large number of windows have been reported broken.

City ordinance makes it unlawful not only to possess or use such a gun in Brookings, but to permit a juvenile to own one or use one, and parents may be held liable for permitting their children to own one.

In the future, city police say they plan not only to prosecute juveniles who are using the guns, but also the parents of the children.

JOE ERGER BACK

Joe Berger, the brother of Carl, was back in Brookings this last weekend. Joe, who used to raise lilies here, now grows them at Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Traffic Hints

By BUD CROSS

Here's an important warning to local motorists—watch out for those little guys with the flags who man the school crosswalks. We've had a few people try to cut around them—and we don't want any more.