

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

THE ELMER RAPRAEGERs recently acquired a goat. It was a male goat, specifically acquired to keep a feminine goat company, and the task of feeding him fell to young John Rapraeger.

The other evening John came into the Rapraeger kitchen. "Have you fed Billy yet?" inquired his mother.

"I'm not going to call him Billy any more," John replied solemnly.

"Oh," said his mother, "and what are you going to call him?"

"I," said John, "am going to call him Mr. Phelps."

◆ NOW there is a claim to fame that very few men will ever equal. Probably it was inspired by the rugged masculinity of the goat, as exemplified by his long white beard. Mrs. Rapraeger, of course, lays it to his English background . . . just to be formal. One thing is sure—that goat is Mr. Phelps for life.

At that, it's probably better than being elected head of the Azalea Festival.

◆ WE'RE indebted to Ed Dempsey for the following story, which also is a commentary in passing on our late lamented winter weather:

A small Brookings boy was rimanded and sent to his room for refusing to eat his prunes. He was told that God was displeased with him for not obeying. Later, when the thunderstorm came on his parents quietly opened his door and found him looking out his window, and saying: "Say, God, don't you think you are making a terrible fuss over three little prunes?"

Concert Wed'day Features Pianist

The third concert in the Community Concert series will be held at Crescent-Elk Grammar school on Wednesday, February 17. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

John Knight, young Canadian pianist, will be the featured artist. Knight is a former child prodigy, who has excited great interest in Canada, and in New York where he has made his American debut with exceptional success.

COUNCIL NAMES STREET SYSTEM

The Brookings City Council Tuesday passed an ordinance defining the city street system within the city of Brookings.

Included with the ordinance is a map, showing those streets which the council has designated as city streets.

Judge Sandbo Passes Away

The Brookings-Harbor community was saddened with word of the passing of Judge Al Sandbo last week at the Eastern Star Home in Decoto, California.

Judge Sandbo was over 84 years of age, and is survived by his widow, who has the sympathy of a great circle of friends the couple made during their many years of residence here.

Al was a very active Mason, having been master of his home lodge, and having gone through the 32nd degree of the order. He was for many years Justice of the Peace here, and a director of the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative.

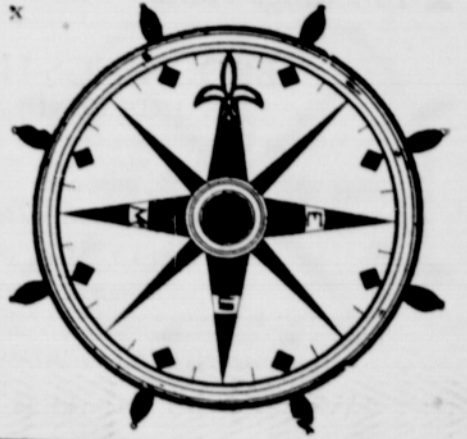
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COUNCIL PLANS FOR SIDEWALKS

The City Council Tuesday reached agreement with engineers from the Oregon State Highway department on repair and maintenance of some Brookings streets.

Plans were laid by the council for the paving of Pacific avenue, which will take place this spring. The street will be paved jointly by the city and state, with the state providing \$15,000 for roadway grading and paving. Brookings will take care of curb and shoulder paving.

The project had been planned for last year, but was postponed when no bids were received on it.

W. W. Stiffler and Mr. Armstrong of the highways department also agreed to resurface the strip of pavement in front of the City Hall, after the city takes care of surplus water.

The council voted, also, to ask the state for deeded easements along Highway 101, from Easy street to the Chetco bridge, for the construction of sidewalks. The state owns the property abutting the highway, and the city wishes to begin plans for the construction of new sidewalks and the repair of old ones along portions of the roadway.

In other action, the city heard requests from a delegation of the Lucky 7 club that the teen-age curfew be made later on weekends.

SOLICITORS HELD

Three men were arrested Tuesday by city police on charges of soliciting for magazine subscriptions without a city license.

The three, Lonnie Mooring, Thomas R. Jackson and Frank Haertel, were released on \$20.00 bail while awaiting trial before Judge Nelson.

Old-Time Party To Be Feb. 19

The P.T.A. announced plans last Thursday evening for a Community Old-time party which they will sponsor to raise money for the scholarship of \$120.00 to be awarded a deserving senior this year.

The program for the evening will include a pie social, exhibition square dancing, and a general program of music, dancing and skits.

No admission will be charged other than a pie for the social) and pies will be for sale both whole and by the piece.

Luther Tisdale will act as auctioneer and the group has planned a big evening of entertainment and hopes for a large crowd.

SHOWER BY PROXY

Mrs. J. M. Robinson entertained twenty guests Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Johnson. The party was a "shower by proxy" for the Robinson's daughter, Mrs. James Peterson, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are former Brookings residents.



ALBERT K. WEISEDANGER, who will speak at public Arbor Day activities, to be held Friday at the school.

ARBOR DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY TREE PLANTING

Brookings and Harbor will observe its first Arbor Day Friday, when local people will gather for tree planting ceremonies on the school lawn.

The planting ceremonies will mark the beginning of landscaping of the school grounds, a project of the Azalea Garden club to which the general public has contributed.

The tree planting ceremony will begin at 2:30 Friday with honored guests planting the first of seven flowering plum trees and a Cedrus deodar.

Alebrt K. Weisendanger, executive secretary of "Keep Oregon Green," will be speaker for the day.

Special guests who will plant trees are W. D. Crissey, Mayor Robert Dimmick, and Elmer Bankus.

Lynn Hampton, superintendent of schools, will plant one of the trees, and representatives of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades will each plant one.

Participating in the festivities will be the school band, making its first public appearance under Director Robert Dick.

Following the tree-planting ceremonies Mr. Weisendanger will speak to the public in the school gym. He will present colored slides illustrating his talk and a movie, entitled "You'll Remember Oregon."

DAVE GILMORE HAS 84TH BIRTHDAY

The whole town wishes a very happy birthday to Dave Gilmore, who is 84 years old today, February 11, 1954.

Dave has had a very interesting life and The Pilot plans to print the story in the near future.

GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hendricks were in San Francisco this week.

Legislative Committee Hears Attacks On Access Provisions of Highway 101

The Oregon State Legislature's interim committee on highways heard a parade of Curry county witnesses tell them Friday what they didn't like about access provisions on Highway 101.

The legislative group, headed by Senator Warren A. McMinimee of Tillamook, were present in Gold Beach at the request of the Curry County Livestock Association.

County Agent Kenneth Priest told the group of fears that limited access would stifle development of private lands in the county, and expressed fears for the county's limited tax base if that happened.

He was followed by County Judge Forsyth who repeated his previous pleas for unlimited access.

Attorney David Shaw of Gold Beach, representing the S. H. Frank Company of San Francisco, said that plans for the economic development of the Port of Frankfort, north of Gold Beach, were irreparably damaged by the highway location and by the denial of commercial access. Shaw said the company plans to develop the port extensively as a deep water harbor and crab fishery, but that plans would have to be dropped if the state persists in its present plans for limited access.

Furthermore, Shaw said, this area is not in need of a throughway, and does not want one. "What the legislature has done," he said, "is told us how we can or cannot make our living in Curry county."

Members of the commission listened quietly, as others arose to attack the access provisions. Only once did they show traces of irritation when, after S. O. Newhouse of Wedderburn had attacked not only access provisions but the engineering qualifications of the new highway, an Eastern Oregon senator asked bluntly if he was objecting to a new highway.

The highway department's attorney, Mr. Williams, also arose to refute Newhouse's contention that alternate routes were more desirable than the present one.

The group smiled when one land owner told them how the highway department "left the ocean

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Boy Sentenced For Robbery

A Brookings juvenile who had confessed to stealing about \$30.00 in March of Dimes funds from the school here was sentenced last week to McClaren School for Boys at Woodburn until he is 21.

Sentence was passed by Juvenile Judge Guy Forsyth, at Gold Beach.

Testimony brought out the fact that details of the boy's confession were false. He had said that he had entered through an unlocked door, but police found evidence which showed the boy had actually forced a window to get into the school.

MR. TEMPLAR PASSES

Earl J. Templar, former resident of Brookings, passed away at Antioch, Calif., January 26, 1954, and was buried at Antioch Community cemetery January 28, 1954.

March of Dimes Sets New Record

The March of Dimes conducted in the Brookings-Harbor area has brought in \$1015.99 to date, with more expected, according to Al Phillips, chairman of the drive.

The total is far better than ever before reported from this area, according to John Porisch, county chairman. Best previous record in the Brookings-Harbor area is about \$700.00.

Al Phillips expressed hope that the late contributions will bring the local total to over \$1100.00.

Porisch estimated that the 1954 drive in the entire county will total between \$2,200.00 and \$2,500.00.

Both Porisch and Phillips expressed their gratification at the excellent response in the southern end of the county.