

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Pilot: In reply to the two answers last week to my previous week's letter suggesting that the city fathers of Brookings revise the zoning ordinances and building code under a more enlightened and progressive policy, I must say that I am sorry that both of the correspondents, neither of whom do I know, missed the point that I was trying to convey. Evidently, they both construed my letter as an attack upon the local zoning officer, which was not my idea at all. After all, he is only working under instructions from the Planning Council and the City Council. I was not questioning anyone's integrity, merely their actions in hampering and discouraging new businesses and building.

For public information, the firm of which I am co-owner pays several hundreds of dollars in taxes each year, as well as furnishing a livelihood for several taxpayers other than myself. We also make thousands of dollars worth of purchases locally, and intend to keep on doing so if the prices are competitive. To clear the record, I have not been refused permission to build anything, anywhere at anytime: But plenty of other well-meaning people have been caused undue expense, trouble and hardships by short-sighted action of the planning officials.

I, like numerous other persons, before investing in real estate on which to build a home, investigated the zoning and building codes, as well as consulted the building officer. Upon finding out what the conditions are that one has to put up with in order to obtain a permit, I naturally became disgusted and abandoned the idea of building inside the city. Hence the city will lose another prospective tax-base credit. For the record, I have a house plan that will be an asset to any community.

If anyone will give my previous letter some thought, and it was aimed at the City Council, I did not say that there should be no zoning or building codes. I stated that they should be used as a guide for the best interests of the



PLANS FOR an ultra-modern Seventh-Day Adventist boarding school near Canyonville were released this week. The million dollar plant will include (clockwise beginning at left): 150 capacity girls' dormitory, powerhouse, gymnasium, 150 capacity boys' dormitory, vocational building, chapel, administration building, kitchen-dining hall. Among other innovations in the layout, will be a completely covered walk-way joining all buildings, the roof of which will carry the steam pipes. Construction on the vocational building was started last December. Members of the local Seventh-day Adventist congregation will contribute to the Milo academy building program in a special offering to be received March 20.

city as a whole, not just one or two property owners. The faults and inequities inherent to any newly adopted ordinances should be corrected. As an example, the city of Portland recently rezoned a huge residential area in the Hollywood district for business, in order to provide for potential business growth.

Many small cities have had their potential growth stifled in the initial stages of development by a few short-sighted or selfish property owners, or competition-fearing business men, working through a strict zoning ordinance, thus forcing new enterprises to go to more cooperative communities. Business and competition is the life blood of any community. Either we want this town to grow and prosper by more jobs and payrolls or we can revert to a regressive community. Perhaps the members of the City Council and Planning commission don't want any new commercial enterprises and competition in town!

The City Council members should consider the issues at stake deeply, with the whole areas' best interests at heart. If we want to make a state park out of the whole city, let's turn it over to

Date Set For Fashion Show

The eighth annual Spring Fashion show of the Satellite Social club, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held April 3 in the high school auditorium. Starting time is 8 o'clock.

All apparel shops in the Brookings area have been invited to participate in the show by showing their styles and all other retail merchants have been asked to join them in any way they can. On the committee in charge of overall arrangements are Ethel Jackson, Grace Yelton and Rose Hubbard.

The committee reported last year's program was so well accepted that they hope that the merchants will participate again this year.

the State Park commission and all move to Harbor.

For the council members' information, probably about 90 per cent of the people in this area depend upon **TIMBER**, either directly or indirectly for their livelihood. If the timber industry was not active here how much do you suppose any R-1 zone homes would be worth? True, as was pointed out last week we have weather here; in fact, last year we had 105 inches of it. (That's what makes the trees grow.) We have a few tourists and sport fishermen here in season. But since this isn't Palm Springs, I wouldn't base my hopes for prosperity on them. The bulb farming seems to be declining in importance due to foreign bulb competition, depleted ground and the fact that most landowners are finding it more profitable to subdivide their land and sell it as homesites to timber and mill workers. As for any minerals in this area, there are no working mines tributary to Brookings at present. There are four claims in various stages of development, but not one that provides a livelihood for their owner or anyone else. It cannot be denied that at present this community is based on a timber economy, and I would suggest that more city officials and merchants familiarize themselves with the facts, figures and conditions of this industry. If they did, I am sure they would be more cooperative with anyone in the industry.

Thank God that we can still exchange opinions of local laws and officials publicly in this country.

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Logging Operator.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1954

ELMER KENNEDY HURT
Elmer Kennedy was injured quite seriously last week at the Merle Hanscam Logging company operation on the Smith river.

Although details are lacking, it was learned he was thrown quite a distance down a steep incline where he was working, shattering a bone in his hip.

He was taken to Seaside hospital where he will be in a body cast for a long time.

His family reports it would cheer him up to have friends visit him as the days are very long.

VISITING BROTHER

Miss Zoe Wollam of Toledo, Ohio, is a visitor at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wollam.

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FORMER BROOKINGS BOY ON ALL-STAR SQUAD

Howard Morris, of Crater High school and formerly of Brookings, was a player on the upstate squad in the annual Shrine All-Star football game, held in Portland in August.

Howard, a guard on the all-star squad, was an all-conference choice three years, and also won the school's sportsmanship award three years in a row.

The boy finished grade school in Brookings, as well as his freshman year in high school before transferring to Crater.

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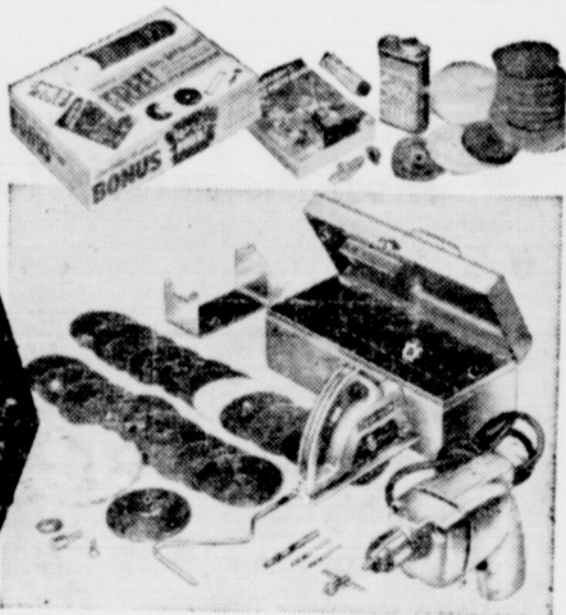
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