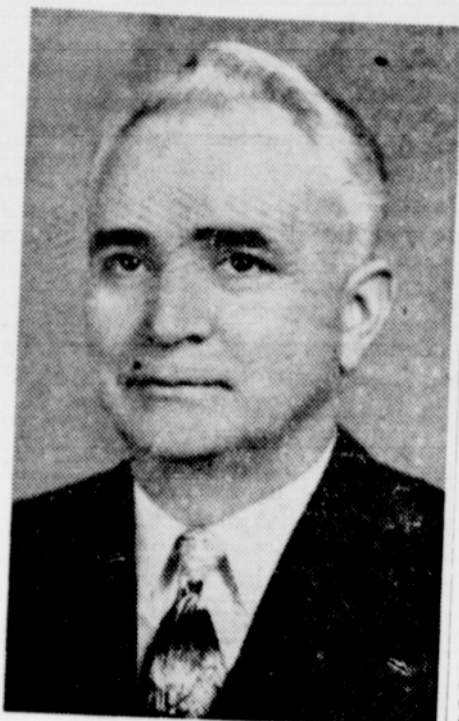


U. S. NATIONAL BUYS BANK



E. L. MORTON

MORTON STAYS AS MANAGER OF LOCAL BRANCH

On Monday, March 22, the Oregon State bank became the Brookings branch of the United States National bank.

Prior approval of the transaction had been secured from the Comptroller of the Currency, the state superintendent of banks and the stockholders.

E. L. Morton, who has been president of the local bank since it opened in May, 1952, will now be manager of the U. S. National's Brookings branch.

In commenting on the purchase of the Oregon State bank, E. C. Sammons, U. S. National president, pointed out that the Brookings bank was one of the fastest growing banking institutions in the state, with deposits totaling \$2,900,000 on December 31, 1953, less than two years after the bank was established.

"Much of this outstanding growth has been due to the capable guidance of Mr. Morton and those associated with him on the board of directors," Sammons stated.

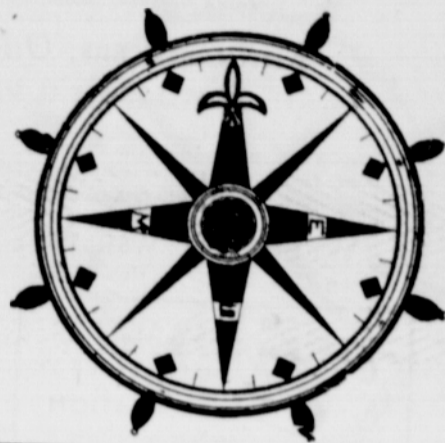
"We are happy to bring to the people and business interests of this community the resources of the U. S. National, one of the nation's leading banks," Sammons continued. "The complete facilities of this state-wide banking system will now become available to assist in the further development of this rapidly expanding area."

A veteran of 35 years' experience in the commercial banking field in Oregon, Morton began his banking career in 1919 in eastern Oregon. In 1931 he became deputy superintendent of banks for the state of Oregon. Following that assignment, he served in a managerial capacity in banks in Newberg, Hood River and Salem before coming to Brookings in 1952 to head the newly formed Oregon State bank.

Morton is a member of the Oregon State Bankers association, an honorary life member of the Oregon FFA, secretary-treasurer of the Brookings chamber of commerce and a member of Rotary and the American Legion. In addition, he is a Mason and Shriner.

Assistant managers of the Brookings branch will be J. L. Brown, formerly cashier of the Oregon State bank, and Arnold L. Peabody who will come to Brookings from the U. S. Na-

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On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

Quite a party they were holding up at Chad's last week. Ross Putnam was down for the first time since he got back, and everybody decided to have a celebration . . . just like old home week. There's even a rumor that Chad bought the coffee. . . but that's going too far.

In fact, we're happy about a lot of things. While we were checking over our two grocery advertisements, we received the impression that their food prices are pretty low. We get the same impression from out-of-town subscribers who, I sadly fear, subscribe to this paper principally to make out their shopping list when visiting Brookings. We asked Hiway Market and Freeman's Market, and they agree . . . their prices are low. See, that makes it unanimous.

I made a couple of weeks ago a grievous error. I don't know how it happened . . . probably my head was filled with sinister and devious propoganda put out by the weather bureau, which is the leader in a dark and sinister plot to take over this era by driving everyone else out.

I said it snowed in Brookings. This morning, I was called upon by a delegation from the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ostenberg was there, as was Mr. Manley, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grayshel . . . all the men who make the Chamber the upstanding organ of truth and righteousness which it is.

After a 27 hour interview in the back room, the gentlemen from the Chamber and I reached complete agreement. I told them that it has never snowed in Brookings, probably never will, and that it has only rained there seven times, counting a disrupted mist that lasted a half-hour back in 1889.

I told the group, too, that I rather doubted if the temperature ever went below 85 degrees, but they graciously permitted me to lower that to 75 degrees. Such consideration for truthful and unbiased reporting, I am sure, would never be possible in a community which did not have complete freedom of the press.

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tional's Grants Pass branch. Peabody has been in banking for a number of years and has been with U. S. National since 1949. During World War II he served for four years with the U. S. Navy. He is married and has a 3-year-old daughter.

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Highway Meeting Tonight

BROOKINGS PLYWOOD COMPLETES FINANCING; TO EXPAND SOON

The Brookings Plywood Company announced this week that expansion of its local plant will begin very soon, following the successful completion of the company's financing plan.

The company has sold the last of its new Class B stock issue, adding \$250,000 in new capital, and has received requests for more shares than it had to sell.

First unit of the expansion, a new Coe veneer dryer, is expected to be in operation before this summer. The dryer will raise production of the local plant from three million to four and a half million feet per month.

Effects of the increased production should be very noticeable in Southern Curry County. The expansion will necessitate the addition of 35 to 40 new employees, and will also result in greatly in-

creased log purchases in this vicinity.

Also announced at the time was the fact that U. S. National Bank has granted the company a credit of \$150,000 for the purchase of logs. Establishment of the bank credit, company official said, is a tribute to management and employees of Brookings Plywood.

Financial figures released by the company showed that with the exception of \$300,000 in long-term indebtedness, it will have retired over 45% of its total indebtedness by April, 1954.

Profits of the company for the last 11 months are in excess of \$200,000, according to the most recent operating statement.

A large part of the population of Southern Curry County is expected to be at the School Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock, to launch a drive for a new highway up the Chetco river, tapping the upper Rogue valley.

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce, city government, and a large number of other civic, church and fraternal organizations plan to send delegations to the meeting. In addition, a large number of interested individuals plan to go.

Object of the meeting is to arrange a campaign for Federal funds to help finance the road. The U. S. Forest Service has already requested \$17,000,000 for the construction of access roads to unlock inaccessible timber for market, and the local group want some of them used to unlock the Chetco basin, which holds large stands of inaccessible timber.

Plans for tonight's meeting call for the selection of a committee to head the drive, and to expand it into other areas. A Chamber committee under Art Knox has previously laid the groundwork for inter-city cooperation in getting the road built, having already done a great deal of work in enlisting the support of the inland cities.

Air-line distance from Brookings-Harbor to O'Brien post office on Highway 199 is estimated at 29 miles. In that distance, there are great stands of timber which have failed to reach market, because of lack of transportation. Construction of a road through the area would shorten the distance from Brookings to Grants Pass by at least 30 miles, as well as unlock the area's resources.

Azalea Fete Dates Set For May 29 and 30

The 1954 Azalea Festival will be held May 29 and 30.

The Memorial week-end date was selected for the festival at a meeting of the Directors of the All-Year Events Association, held Thursday at the Chetco Inn.

A number of factors influenced selection of the date. Facilities for the garden show at the school will be available then, as well as free days before and after the Festival to allow for the setting up of the exhibit. It is the only such free week-end until school is out, and Directors feared to wait until then because of the proximity to the Lily Festival, which is expected to be early this year.

Plans for the Festival will follow the same general out-line as it has in past years, new officers of the group announced.

Elected as officers for the Association were Bill Phelps, President; N. V. Strommen, Vice-President; and Joan Byrne as Secretary. New directors are Art Knox, Evelyn Jaklewicz and Amber Campbell.

A meeting of members of the Association and supporters of the Azalea Festival is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, at 8 p.m.

CLINIC FRIDAY

The Well Baby Clinic which is sponsored by the T. B. and Health Asso. will be held Friday, March 26 at the Brookings Grade School from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Former resident Bert Cleveland was in Brookings Wednesday.

Fashion Show Plans Ready

A few more firms were added to the list of local merchants who are participating in the Satellite Club's Fashion Show, to be held at the school auditorium Saturday, April 3.

Joining the participating firms are the Brookings Feed and Seed; Gould's Shoe Store, Azalea Lanes, Glen's Market and the Pine Cone Theater.

Showing styles in the show will be Moore's Variety, Eva Lee's, Tots to Teens and Phillips' Dad 'n' Lad.

Plans for the show are nearly complete, with details of the program to be announced next week.

Salem Firm Makes Low Bid on New High School

Commercial Contractors, Inc. of Salem submitted the low bid of \$394,560 for construction of the Brookings-Harbor High School, the school board announced after opening of bids Friday.

Other bids submitted were: Erwin Batterman, Salem, \$408,843; Brosterhouse Construction Co., Klamath Falls, \$410,000; Wiley Co., Ashland, \$411,800; T. S. and T. E. Drake, Coquille, \$412,478; A. T. Fox, North Bend, \$414,790; Scott, Osborne and Wheelon, Crescent City, \$416,380; Industrial Building Co., of Eugene, \$421,854; H. Barnhart, Medford, \$454,000.

The base bid of Commercial Contractors, although the lowest