

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

Up to this moment, no one that I know has ever accused Sam Hall of being a handsome man. He has (I've heard it said), a certain Abraham Lincolnish charm . . . but he's not handsome in the same manner that . . . well, in the same manner as Clive Manley, for instance.

But we've accumulated a little evidence that shows that, even though he's not handsome, he's not ugly, either. And we can prove it by scientific evidence.

You know that clock at Chad's . . . the one with the wheel that turns for misguided people who think that's the place to advertise? Last week Sam hired a place on the dial for a campaign poster. Darned nice poster, too . . . even if we did print it ourselves. But the clock refuses to stop to display it.

For everything else on the dial, the clock will stop perfectly. But when it comes to Sam's picture, it doesn't even hesitate.

And what does that prove? Something that Mrs. Hall has been maintaining ever since she married him. Sam Hall's face does NOT stop a clock.

Or maybe it's a Democratic clock.

Out of the northern end of this here county is blowing one of the warmest, most welcome breezes we've known. It's the spirit of friendship and cooperation that the communities of the county are showing to each other.

It has been particularly noticeable on the agitation for a road up the Chetco river. At the highway meeting held here, there was a substantial delegation from Gold Beach, to assure us of their interest and their support.

And Wickes Shaw, in her Curry County Reporter has editorially added her support to the movement. As she says (and very truthfully) we need each other in Curry County. If we are to succeed in the things we strive for, we must do it together, for by ourselves we will never be more than an insignificant fraction. That which benefits Brookings benefits Gold Beach, and Gold Beach's gain is also Port Orford's. In our narrow coastal strip, we cannot live divided.

So, for one, we'd like to thank our Gold Beach neighbors. And we hope that we'll continue to grow closer and closer so that we can grow together. If we do, nothing can stop Curry County.

GOES TO SALEM

Mrs. Paul Ronniger left Wednesday morning for a short visit in Salem. She plans to return Sunday.

SCHOOL BOARD SIGNS REDUCED CONTRACT FOR HIGH SCHOOL

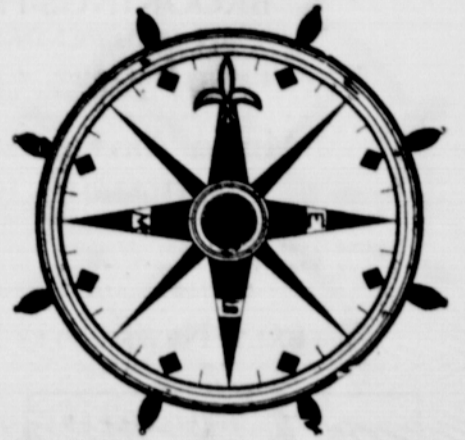
A preliminary contract for the construction of the new Brookings-Harbor High School was awarded this week to Commercial Contractors, Inc. of Salem, by the School Board of District 17C.

The contract, which was for \$355,000, was signed after the school board trimmed expenditures from the original bid, which had been higher than could be financed. Commercial Contractors were the original low bidders, at \$394,560.

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Thursday, April 1, 1954

Services Held Wednesday For George Rush

Funeral services were held Wednesday for George M. Rush, District Manager of Coos-Curry Co-op, who died of a heart attack at his home in Brookings Sunday.

George was found dead in his garage, where he had just completed some doll furniture for his two small grandchildren. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Rush had been Manager of the electric cooperative here since 1947, and had been a resident of Brookings since 1943. Prior to that he had been with Southern California Edison Co. for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, his daughter Mrs. Edna Messer, and two grandchildren, Vicky and Nonni Messer.

Masonic Services were held at the Assembly of God Church. (Obituary on back page)

Burglars Hit Two Taverns

Brookings police as well as Del Norte County authorities are seeking the perpetrators of three robberies last week.

The thieves broke into Ken's Tavern in Brookings, Monday night, taking about \$30.00, three watches and a German Luger pistol. They also acquired about \$2.00 in nickels from the Shanghai Cafe next door.

On Tuesday, thieves entered the Logger's Tavern in Smith River and rifled two pin ball machines, getting about \$150.00 in nickels.

The same methods of operation were used in both cases, and police are sure the same group committed both robberies.

Ocean View Club Closes Season

The Ocean View Cooking Club met at the home of Judy Coates. Marilyn Dykes demonstrated proper table setting. Refreshments were served by Judy. This will be the last meeting of 4-H Club.

Fashion Show Opens Saturday

The Satellite Club's Seventh Annual Fashion Show will be presented Saturday night, with Brookings Merchants showing the very latest things for spring.

The show is to be held at the High School auditorium, and begins at 8 p.m. Leaders of the club say they expect a capacity audience.

Local models will be featured in the show, which will present apparel for all members of the family. Other merchants are joining with displays and prizes for the viewers.

Included in the entertainment will be Beta Sigma Phi's now-notorious 'fashion' show, and entertainment by members of Bonnie Kay Mincer's dancing classes.

Proceeds from the Fashion Show are earmarked for the building of a new Masonic Hall here.

ALL-YEAR EVENTS MEETS TONIGHT

The All-Year Events Association will hold a meeting tonight, at 8 p.m., at the Chetco Inn.

Some committee assignments for the Azalea Festival will be made at this meeting.

Those interested in the Azalea Festival are urged to attend, to discuss plans for the next festival.

Meeting Tonite Plans Elks Club

Local Elks and prospective members will meet tonight at the VFW hall to lay plans for the formation of an Elks Lodge here. The meeting is set for 8 p.m.

Preliminary plans for a local lodge were formed at a meeting held Saturday between two visiting dignitaries and about fifteen local members.

Pete Lesmeister was chosen Chairman of the organizational group, and Frank Chapin was named Secretary. All active members and past members are urged to attend tonight's meeting, as well as any others interested.

Tentatively, the group hopes to have the installation of a new Lodge here early in June, just prior to the state convention in Tillamook.

Fluoridation On Program for PTA

The Parent-Teachers Association will listen tonight to a panel discuss the fluoridation of water, at their regular meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Also scheduled for the evening, according to President Ellen Arrell, is the presentation of a proposed change in the by-laws. The change would push election dates up one month, to make it possible for newly-elected officers to attend the state PTA Convention.

Nominations for new officers are to be made at this meeting, also, with election scheduled later.

10 Man Committee Heads Drive For Chetco Road

A ten man committee was chosen Thursday to head Southern Curry County's campaign for an All-Oregon road to the interior.

Art Knox, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Road committee was elected temporary Chairman of the group, until permanent officers can be elected.

A crowd of almost 200 people were present to hear local leaders state the reasons they believe a road up the Chetco is feasible, and to pledge their support to it.

Included in the crowd was a delegation from Gold Beach, who told the group that their city is also supporting the drive for a road up the river. Messages from the Rotary Club of Gold Beach and the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce pledged their support to the project.

Ed F. Ackley, Brookings attorney, outlined legislation which is pending in Washington whereby the U.S. Forest Service hopes to acquire \$17,000,000 for the construction of access roads to make timber accessible in the national forests. The plans for this committee are to attempt to influence the forest service into using part of those funds to unlock the timber of the Chetco basin.

Members of the ten man board who will direct the campaign are: Art Knox, Archie Anderson, Elmer Banks, C. Ed Dempsey, Estes Morton, Harvey Foster, Henry Kerr, Ray Streubing, Warren Smith and Wilson Freeman.

Tisdale Tells Voters Group Of County Needs

A three-point program for the development of Curry County was outlined by Luther Tisdale, Republican candidate for County Judge, before a meeting of the Curry County Citizen's Committee, Tuesday.

Tisdale told the group that the pressing needs of the county are (1) a wider, better-integrated representation for all the county; (2) a business-like approach to the problem of maintenance and construction of the county roads, and (3) a common-sense approach to the problems of county government.

"No County can expect to prosper unless the needs of all its citizens are met," Tisdale told the group. "And this county government cannot continue its present hap-hazard policies toward its obligations, and hope to maintain the confidence of the people."

Tisdale had a wry word to say about his recent resignation from his position with the State Parks Department. "No one can say I ran for this job because I was looking for security," he grinned. "Running for this office has cost my security. But if I can bring common-sense Government to this county, it will be worth it."

ELECTION CHANGE PASSES

21 persons voted unanimously Tuesday to change the election requirements for the Brookings-Harbor School District to conform to those for a class A school.

The change will permit the holding of school elections from 2 to 8 p.m., instead of for one hour as at present.

Little Girl Drowns In Harbor Pond

Little Gloria Thompson, sixteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, was drowned Tuesday in a pond near the family's home in Harbor.

The little girl evidently wandered away from the other children with whom she was playing, and fell into the water-filled hole.

Gloria was born November 5, 1952, at Seaside Hospital. Her funeral services will be held at Corvallis.

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Variety Store Changes Hands

Young's Variety Store was sold this week, according to an announcement by Charles and Floyd Young, proprietors of the establishment.

The new owner is Merwyn Palmer of Springfield, Oregon. Mr. Palmer, who has been in the same business for some time, is scheduled to take over the operation within a few days.

The new owner is married, and has a two year old son.

The Young families are unanimous on their plans for the future . . . they're going to rest. Both families plan trips while they are resting, and have not made permanent plans yet.

However, both Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young say they have no intention of permanently severing their ties with Brookings.

BOYS BREAK WINDOWS

A pair of scuffling teen-agers Saturday broke two plate glass windows in Freeman's Market.

The two boys, who were engaged in a friendly tussle, have promised to pay for the damage. No estimate of cost has been made . . . but it looks expensive.