

### On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

Up in the City Hall are a pair of huge green painted signs that proudly inform the other walls of the room that "The Green River Ordinance is enforced in Brookings."

The pair of signs were designed, evidently to disgrace our city limits to the North and South. However, several Councilmen say they didn't know they had been ordered or who ordered them.

Any way it may be awhile before the monstrosities get erected. The police department wants the street department to install them . . . and the street department is fresh out of money to maintain the streets, let alone install signs. Frankly, it's the best thing that ever came out of a budgetary deficit.

As far as I can remember, I've seen one other Oregon municipality that had erected such signs . . . a little hamlet up near Salem named Stayton. Stayton wasn't very proud of them, either, but over a period of time they found that the signs served a purpose all their own. So few people knew what the Green River Ordinance was, that they all figured it was a speed trap, and everyone crept cautiously through Stayton.

Now, in case you're wondering what the Green River Law is, it's an ordinance designed to keep itinerant peddlars from entering a city to sell their wares. It serves the two-fold purpose of saving the house wife some annoyance, and protecting local merchants from outside competition.

We hold no brief for peddlars, but we think that this protection of the home-town merchant can be run into the ground. We have good merchants here—sound, aggressive ones that know how to conduct a business. You can tell them by their stores—they don't fear competition from anyone.

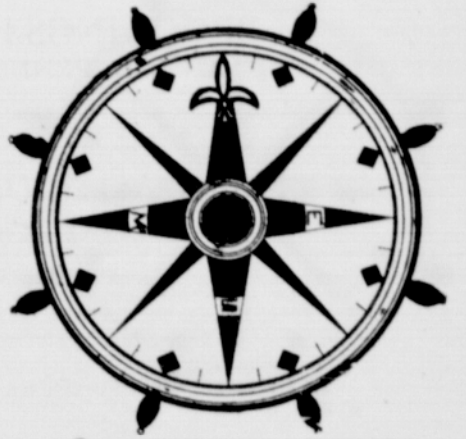
And we have merchants here, also that are business men in name only . . . they offer the customer practically nothing. Their idea of business is to attempt to throttle their competition by fair means or foul. They're pretty well known, too. And they deserve no protection.

On top of that, it's a hypocrit-

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### Her Royal Highness



Her Royal Highness, Lois Chapman, who will represent Brookings-Harbor High School in the Royal Court of the Azalea Festival here May 29 to 31.

(Brookings Studio Photo.)

## Fund Drive To Start For Azalea Festival

With final details for the Azalea Festival almost completed, a drive began this week to raise the necessary funds to finance the three day celebration, which will be held here May 29-31.

Membership tickets in the All-Year Events Association were being distributed throughout Curry County and Crescent City this week, to be purchased by supporters of the Festival.

And there should be plenty of members. Fifteen hundred dollars worth of merchandise is to be given away to members of the Association on the last day of the Festival.

Heading the list of prizes will be a 21 inch television set, a chain saw, an electric washer and dryer, an outboard motor, and a number of other prizes.

The merchandise will be given away on the afternoon of May 31, immediately following the conclusion of the boat races.

The general program for the Festival is also complete, and record crowds are expected for the occasion. First event of the season isn't actually a part of the Festival. It will be the Queen Selection Ball, tentatively scheduled for May 15, at which time the Queen of the Festival will be selected from the six Princesses.

In the Festival proper, festivities will open Saturday morning with the Coronation of the Queen. That afternoon, she opens the Azalea Garden Club's flower show, and the Mount Emily Gem and Mineral Society's rock show. That evening, there is the Queen's banquet and the Queen's ball.

On Sunday, there will be a non-denominational morning Church service in Azalea Park, with a choir singing under the direction of Mrs. Helen Rice. In the afternoon, there will be a gigantic barbecue and a baseball double-header, with Brookings entertaining the Grants Pass team.

Monday afternoon there will be boat races in the Chetco river, to be followed by the giving away of the prizes.

### Ophir Princess Named to Court

Thelma Neeley became the second Princess chosen for the Azalea Festival Wednesday, when she was named to represent Ophir High School.

Thelma was chosen as the Ophir representative after scoring the highest score in the competition based on scholarship, poise and personality, character and popularity.

### SAILOR DROWNS WHILE SWIMMING IN RIVER HERE

A twenty year old sailor, visiting in Brookings, was drowned in the Chetco River, Saturday to provide a tragic ending to a swimming party.

The boy was Edward Lee Underhill, of Indianapolis, Indiana who had accompanied two friends on a week-end trip to Brookings. He lost his life at Snug Harbor, after attempts to rescue him failed.

Underhill was swimming rather far out in the river, according to witnesses, when he weakened and began to sink. Ann Ritchey, a member of the group, swam to aid him, while other members of the party swam to shore to launch a boat to aid him. Despite Miss Ritchey's efforts, however, the boy sank before the boat reached him. His body was recovered three hours later.

Underhill had been stationed aboard the U.S.S. Kearsarge, based at San Francisco. His parents live in Indianapolis.

The body was shipped by the Roy E. Brown Mortuary to Indianapolis for services and interment. Services will be held there Monday or Tuesday from the Tolen-Herr Memorial Chapel.

### LUCKY 7 CLUB TO SPONSOR SMOKER

The Brookings Lucky Seven Club is now in the process of presenting a smoker for the people of the Brookings Harbor area. Arrangements have been made with the Episcopal Church Youth Center of Port Orford and Bandon to participate in the bouts with Brookings and Harbor youth and plans to be an exciting evening. The date is set for Saturday, May 1st. There will be approximately 8 to 10 bouts with much leather swinging. A big crowd is anticipated.

## Boat Races Added to Azalea Festival Program to Make Three Day Fete

The 1954 Azalea Festival will be a three day holiday, it developed this week, with the scheduling of boat races for the Chetco River Monday, May 21.

John Hewitt was named Chairman of a group to organize the races, which will be held in the area from the mouth of the river to Tide Rock. Hewitt's present plans call for the race to be run in about ten laps in that area giving a total distance of about eighty miles.

Interest in the races is already high, Hewitt said. Probably thirty boats would be scheduled in two classes for the event. Preliminary inquiries in the Klamath area, showed boatmen there enthusiastic about the possibilities of a race here.

It is not known yet whether a local organization will sponsor the races separately, or whether they will be produced by the All-Year Event's Association. Hewitt was to meet last night with one group which is considering sponsoring the races, but All-Year

Events President Bill Phelps, said they would include the races in the Festival schedule if no other group was in a position to sponsor them.

The races will fill out a full three day's of activities for the larger-than-ever Festival. Opening Saturday morning with the Coronation of the Queen and her court, the program will occupy a busy three days. The Garden show and rock show will open Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening will see the Queen's banquet and Queen's ball. Sunday morning, there will be non-denominational church services at Azalea Park, and in the afternoon there will be the traditional great barbecue. Also scheduled for Sunday afternoon is a double-header baseball game, with the Brookings Beavers opening their home season.

Monday's boat races will climax the three days of festivities for visitors who are expected to throng Brookings to pay tribute to the beautiful native Azaleas here.

## Fire District Meeting Slated Monday Night

Residents south of the Chetco will meet Monday night at the Grange Hall to form a Fire Prevention District from the river to the state line.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. and will be attended by representatives of the State Fire Marshal's Office, in Salem.

Tentative plans call for creation of the district along the coastal plain which stretches from Harbor to the state line, and a short distance up the Chetco river. Final boundaries, however, will be discussed at the meeting.

Also present at the meeting will be representatives of the Brookings City Government, with whom the Harbor group are considering contracting for fire protection on a mutual aid basis.

All residents of the area are urged to attend the meeting, so that formation of the district may move rapidly. Harbor residents hope to get their plans completed so the district may be activated this year.

## Elks, Prospects Meet Tonight To Plan Lodge Here

Local Elks and prospective members will meet tonight at the VFW hall, to discuss the formation of an Elks Lodge here. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Pete Lesmeister, Chairman of the meeting said that all Elks, past Elks and prospective members are invited to attend.

The formation of a local Lodge has been planned here since the recent visit of two National dignitaries from the organization.