

**On the Reef**

By BILL PHELPS

We were talking the other day to a very irate lady, who's name, by the way, is Mrs. Nell MacKenzie. Mrs. MacKenzie sings... very beautifully, when she can be heard.

That's one of the things that were bothering her. And she has lots of company.

Mrs. MacKenzie sang last at the Easter Cantata performed at the Baptist Church by a group under the direction of Lucille Patterson.

Everyone says the cantata was beautiful. But Mrs. MacKenzie thinks that's just flattery. She says that they couldn't know because they couldn't hear most of it.

And the reason they couldn't hear it was because of a number of very small children who cried and created disturbances while the group was trying to sing. According to the singers, the din was so great that they found it nearly impossible to carry on with their program.

We missed the cantata. One reason we missed it is that we have a five year old son who is not noted for his placability, and we'd rather stay home than carry him out in the middle of it.

We've done that, too. We know (and how we know) that children are not an ideal listening audience. And more than once we've had to arise, red faced, to escort a squirming bundle of boy out of a public meeting.

The people who put on that cantata did a splendid thing. They spent many long hours of work over it, solely so that this community could enjoy something fine and lovely. It is no compliment to this community that they now feel that their work was largely in vain.

It isn't the children that should be scolded. Children are children, and no one expects them to behave like anything else. But our singers are perfectly justified in criticizing the parents who remain seated, permitting their children to wreck what should be a beautiful concert.

And no one objects, if it's necessary to leave the hall to quiet them. But our singers do object when the parent sits, pretending he's never been introduced to his child, while the latter wrecks the performance.

We think Mrs. MacKenzie and the others are justified in their complaint... in fact, we think

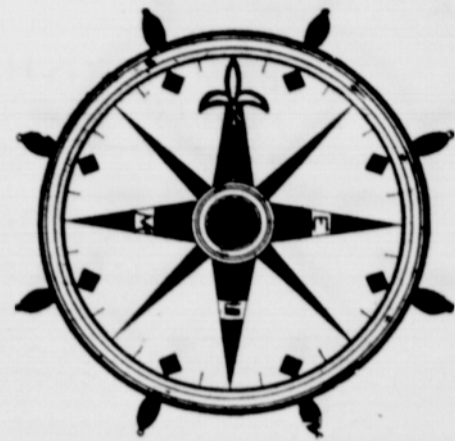
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Thursday, April 29, 1954

## Cattle Rustlers Caught, Sentenced To Penitentiary

Swift justice was dispensed Tuesday to a pair of cattle rustlers in Circuit Court at Gold Beach.

The two were James Medaris and Ernest Smith, both of Brookings. Each was sentenced by Circuit Judge Dal King to two years in the penitentiary for theft of livestock valued at more than forty-five dollars.

A third man is still being sought for complicity in the crime. He is John Upmeyer, who is believed to have escaped to Eugene with Smith's wife.

According to District Attorney Sam Hall, Smith confessed that on February 7 in the early morning he had shot a calf belonging to Warren McNeely, and that he cut it up ate part of it at the time, and canned the remainder. Smith pled guilty to the charge brought against him, waived a grand jury hearing, and also waived the two day waiting period before sentencing.

Medaris confessed that 13 days later, on February 20, he had stayed overnight at Smith's home, and that he and John Upmeyer built a rack on his pickup to carry a cow. They went to Whaleshead ranch where they roped and loaded the cow, took it to Smith's place, where they milked it and kept it for their own use.

The cow was recovered Monday by State Policeman Ray Gardner, who uncovered the cattle thefts while probing into the disappearance of Smith's wife with Upmeyer.

The Curry County Livestock Association has posted a \$500 reward for information leading to conviction of cattle theft. However, Gardner will not collect the reward, because he was acting in his regular line of duty when the

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## All Year Events Meets Friday

The All-Year Events Meeting scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed till Friday, to avoid conflict with the Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Everyone interested in the Festival is urged to attend the meeting, Friday night, 8 P.M., Chetco Inn.

## Third Anniversary For Feed and Seed

Brookings Feed and Seed Company celebrate their third anniversary in Brookings Friday, and they're doing it by spreading free chickens all over the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yahr operators of the store, came here three years ago to open it. Since that time, they have expanded the business steadily.

During their anniversary Friday, they'll be giving free coffee and donuts all day, along with the free chicks and other surprises they have.

## DANCE RECITAL SLATED TONIGHT

The Parent Teachers Association will present a dance recital tonight by Blossom Behee's school of Dance. The recital will be held at the school auditorium. There will be no admission fee, but the public is invited to make contributions toward the PTA.

Included in the recital will be a number of unusual dances by the group.

## Smoker Scheduled Here Saturday

A group of Brookings boys will entertain a similar group from Port Orford and Bandon when they meet in a boxing smoker next Saturday night at the High School Gym.

About two hours of boxing is scheduled during the evening, with the opener coming at 8 p.m. The visitors are being brought down by Father Pete Dalley of Bandon, who has rounded up a pretty capable bunch to tangle with the Brookings boys.

The Smoker is under the sponsorship of the Lucky 7 Club who are being aided and abetted by Bill Thompson and Al Phillips.

## Laundry Here Changes Hands

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brockmiller have purchased the Brookings Laundry, taking over operation last Friday.

The Brockmillers formerly operated the Redwood Lodge in Selma, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Olsen, former owners, will stay in Brookings but are not ready to announce future plans.

## Azalea Court Chosen; Ticket Sale Continues

### Politicians To Be Guests Of Chamber Tonight

Politicians from all over Curry County will converge on Brookings tonight, when the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce plays hosts to all the aspiring candidates on the ballot.

The affair begins at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall. Dinner tickets are on sale by Chamber Directors.

From all indications, all the politicians will be there. Chamber President Karl Ostenberg said today that acceptances had been received from virtually all the hopeful candidates.

If they all show up, that'll be a pretty good crowd all by itself. Chamber Secretary Geneva Rooney has sent invitations to about 25 separate candidates.

But Chamber officers are hopeful that a large crowd will be on hand for the only opportunity local voters will have to see all the candidates assembled.

Included in the list will be eight candidates for County Judge (four from each party) two for the Legislature, two for Coroner and Surveyor, three for County Commissioner two for Sheriff, and a number of others.

With primaries less than a month away, this meeting will be the only chance a number of local voters will have to appraise the various candidates.

### Attorney Hurt In Accident

Ed Ackley, Brookings attorney and his wife Cornelia were injured Sunday when their car was struck from the rear by another car, driven by Mrs. Harriet O. Hughes. Mrs. Hughes was not injured.

Ackley suffered leg injuries which have kept him in bed since the accident. Mrs. Ackley escaped with bruises. Both cars were severely damaged.

Ackley told police that he was traveling south about 30 miles an hour when the car driven by Mrs. Hughes approached and struck them in the rear.

### JIMMY HARRIS REPORTED ILL

Jimmy Harris, a former resident of Brookings, and very well known here, is reported seriously ill at his home in Santa Rosa. Jimmy once owned the Kreuger building here, and has many friends in the area.

The court for the Azalea Festival to be held May 29-31 was completed this week as the last high school picked its Princess. And a lovely group they are.

Del Norte High School Monday named Sherry Yamor as their representative in the Festival. Sherry joins the five girls picked from Curry County to complete the court.

Already chosen were Reba Smallwood from Gold Beach, Thelma Neely of Ophir; Gwen Newton of Port Orford; Barbara Phillips of Langlois and our Lois Chapman, of Brookings - Harbor High School.

The six princesses will meet for the first time at a luncheon this Saturday. It will be their first opportunity to get acquainted.

The next big event of their young lives will occur May 15, when one of them will be chosen Queen. The selection will be announced at the Queen Selection Ball, which the Chetco Wranglers will sponsor on that date.

In the meantime, ticket sales to finance the festival were being carried forward by Ed Dempsey and his finance committee. Membership tickets, already on sale in Brookings, were to begin hitting the streets in the rest of the county.

Membership in the Festival Association carries a number of privileges, the most obvious of which is the fact that the holders are eligible for a number of prizes. Over fifteen hundred dollars worth of merchandise is slated to be given away on the last day of the Festival, May 31.

Included in the list of prizes are: a McCullough Chain Saw; a 21 inch television set; a Maytag or Frigidaire Washer; a Hotpoint dryer; a Mercury outboard motor, a Sunbeam mixer a fishing outfit, and a number of other items.

Already selling tickets in the Festival Association are students from Brookings - Harbor High School. The student who sells the most tickets in each high school will be guests of the Association on a chaperoned trip to the Rose Festival.

Chairman Dempsey emphasized that expenses were heavy and that all the tickets must be sold to make the affair a financial success.

"We have evolved his method of spreading the financial load of the Festival," he said, "to take the burden off the few who have had to do it in the past. If it is successful, we should never have to worry about whether or not we can maintain this festival again."

Mrs. Goldie Swearingen returned Sunday morning from a week-end visit with her mother, Mrs. Goldie Smith in Salem. Mrs. Smith is feeling quite well now.

## Plans Progress For Festival Boat Races; Causeway Being Built

Plans were being rapidly completed this week for the Chetco River Boat races which will wind up the Azalea Festival May 31.

And they're pretty big plans. Members of the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club who are sponsoring the races, indicate there will probably be thirty boats enrolled in the competition.

Rules and prizes for the races have not yet been completed, but will be in the very near future. The group is working with John Hewitt, who first proposed the event.

The races will be for about eight laps, and will be run from the mouth of the river to Tide Rock.

Already plenty of action is underway. Klamath Boatmen, who swept Smith River cruisers

right off their own river a couple of weeks ago, are anxious to do it again, and will also accommodate anyone else who wants to get in their way. They've told John they will have a full flotilla in the race here.

In the meantime, work is being done on the river itself. Elmer Bankus, who has been hauling gravel from the river is constructing a causeway at the same time which will enclose a launching area, and provide an excellent site for the beginning of the races.

In fact, Elmer almost lost a drag line doing it. The shovel was caught on the bar by tides Tuesday night, and broke a chain as it was being moved. It wasn't rescued from the waters until about 1:30 a.m. at the next low tide. Two tractors pulled the shovel from the bar.