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On the Reef

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Along about this time of year we usually run out of anything to say that's worth saying. This is a situation which has been known to continue for years and years, and lots of times it has been said by certain unscrupulous individuals that it's the usual condition here.

We could, though tell about Carl Rettke, who got married to his mother-in-law . . . at least that's the way we had it in the paper. And the person who got the information in our office swears that's the way it was given to her . . . by one of the principals. We've decided we'll have to divorce Carl this week, and get him married again next week . . . this time to the right person.

However, there's a certain amount of danger in such a process . . . after a week marriage, Tige just might not decide to get married again if we give him a divorce this week. Guess we'll ponder this one awhile.

Or we could tell about Clive Manley at the bank. At least I think it was Clive Manley . . . no one else would have done it. He walked into the establishment at its busiest moments, moved up to the counter and bellowed (as only Manley can) "let me see my balance sheet!"

A frightened girl came running with the ledger sheet. Manley looked at it, looked at the girl and roared, "what! Only \$130,000?" Then he slapped it down and walked out.

Or finally, we might tell about our son Billy, who we mentioned last week as being a little bit hard to handle at any gathering. Billy heard he had been mentioned in the paper, and asked why. He was deeply hurt when he found out why, saying "I thought maybe you had told how I could run the linotype."

Our operator, one of Billy's dearest friends had the week before shown Billy how to spell his name on the linotype . . . his proudest accomplishment. So we have repented and will now announce it. If you see a line of type in this paper that says Billy Pjavidhps . . . Billy set it.

We've been meaning to mention that so many people asked for copies of the poem about a Logging Truck Owner's wife that we have reset it and printed it on some cards. Drop down if you'd like one.

Azalea Court Inspects Kingdom They Will Rule

Five lovely young ladies, who will rule together over Azalealand, descended upon Brookings last week to inspect their new kingdom.

The five were the selected Princesses who will form the royal court for the Azalea Festival, to be held here May 29, 30 and 31.

One of them was missing. She is Barbara Phillips, of Langlois, who was called away by illness. But she'll be here May 15 for the Queen Selection Ball which is the next official function.

The rest of the court were the guests Saturday of the All-Year Events Association, which had asked them to lunch so that they could get acquainted with each other and with plans for the Festival.

The five girls: Cherry Yamor,

Del Norte High School; Gwen Newton, Port Orford; Thelma Neely, Ophir; Reba Smallwood Gold Beach and Lois Chapman, Brookings-Harbor High School, met for the first time over the luncheon, and were then taken on a tour of Azalea Park to observe the scene of the festivities over which they will rule.

For them, the next high spot is the Queen Selection Ball, scheduled for May 15, at which time one of them will change from Princess to Queen.

Entertaining them at the luncheon was the Royal Court Committee for the festival. Present in addition were Mrs. Mildred Byrne, Mrs. Art Knox, Mrs. Ed Dempsey, County Agent Ken Priest, Association Secretary Joan Byrne and President Bill Phelps.

Death Ends Career Of Reverend Hicks

A life of service was ended Monday evening, May 3rd, when Rev. Edward Clayton Hicks passed away after an illness of two years, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowley.

Mr. Hicks was born December 11, 1873 at Bloomfield, Ontario, Canada, came to the United States in his early teens and became a citizen of this country at the age of 26 years.

During his early life he taught school after being educated at Fremont Normal, Fremont, Nebraska and Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He was united in marriage with Genevieve Coggins June 27, 1908.

Before entering the ministry in 1924 he held a number of positions of trust in Montana. He served as police judge, probation officer, editor of Fairview Times and made various trips to Washington, D. C. in the interest of work on the Yellowstone Irrigation project.

After serving as minister at Fallon and Broadview Montana, he was called by the Evangelical Church at Tigard in 1930. He also served at Albany, Monmouth and Dayton where he was retired. After going to Smith River, California to live in 1945 he was called by the First Methodist Church of that place where he remained for five years.

Whenever Rev. Hicks went he was a favorite among his people and built up his churches. An outstanding piece of work was accomplished at Dayton when the Evangelical and Methodist churches were combined without loss in membership. While leading the Smith River Indians he was given the name which means, one who speaks to The Great Creator for his people, during an

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Wranglers Set Queen Selection Ball, May 15

The first real action in the Azalea Festival gets under way May 15, when the Queen Selection ball will be held at the Chetco Grange Hall.

The ball, to be sponsored by the Chetco Wranglers, will see one of the Azalea Court's six lovely Princesses become Queen of the Festival.

The method of determining the Queen will not be announced until the evening of the Dance, at which time the Queen will be named, and the method of selection explained.

Meanwhile, as the Festival drew nearer, plans for the Lion-sponsored boat races were also being completed. Chairman John Hewitt says that thirty to forty boats are expected, with the possibility of many more.

Applications and regulations were being dispensed this week, and acceptances were already being taken.

Tickets for membership in the Festival Association were being distributed this week to Northern Curry County and Del Norte counties. Membership in the group entitles the holder to a chance to win one of seven great prizes being given at the festival, including a 21 inch TV set, A McCulloch Chain Saw, an Automatic Washer (Frigidaire or Maytag) a Hotpoint Automatic Dryer a Mercury Outboard Motor, a Sunbeam Mixer or an electric blanket.

Tisdale Tells Group He Seeks No Mileage

County Judge Candidate Luther Tisdale told a Brookings audience Wednesday that he had no intention of asking for mileage from his residence to the Court House, if elected to the position of County Judge.

Tisdale made the statement, he said, because he had been asked at the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce if he would seek mileage if elected to the office of County Judge.

His affirmative answer, Tisdale continued is being used to make it appear that he would seek mileage to and from his residence, instead of being used on County Judge functions, and his opposition were saying that such mileage would cost the county an additional \$7,200 per year.

Tisdale wished to make it very clear, he said, that such is not the case, and that he has no intention of requesting mileage from his home to his office, even if it were legally possible to do so.

PETERSONS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Peterson and their twins Keith and Karen of Eureka are here visiting friends and relatives for a few days.

Chamber Hears County Candidates Campaign

State To Call For Bids On Brookings Streets

The State Highway Commission will receive bids at its next regular meeting May 11 and 12 for a street paving job in Brookings, as well as two other projects in Curry County.

The first project calls for the improvement of Hillside and Pacific Avenues in the city of Brookings. Plans call for the construction of 0.23 mile of rock leveling course and 40-foot black top pavement between curbs or rock base placed by the city. This improvement will replace the old narrow streets with a wider and more stable roadway capable of withstanding the heavy industrial and increased traffic loads to which it is subjected. This project is being financed by the city and state from funds allocated to improvement of city streets not on the state system of highways.

The second project calls for intermittent fencing on the Brush Creek-Greggs Creek section of the Oregon Coast Highway. The fencing, consisting of woven wire bottom and two strands of barbed wire, is to close gaps in existing fencing and restrain livestock from crossing the highway.

The third project calls for the construction of a reinforced concrete deck girder viaduct 373 feet in length on the new alignment of the Oregon Coast Highway south of Port Orford. This completes the contracting of the structural units on the Rocky-Brush Creek Section.

VISIT DEMOS IN BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Horn spent last week-end in Bend where they visited their son, Demos who is attending school there.

CUTS HAND

Young John Donnelly cut his hand on the lawn mower, so was brought in to see Dr. Ronniger last Friday.

July 11 Set For Lily Parade

The All-Year Events Association announced last Friday that the Lily Blossom Parade would be held this year on Sunday, July 11.

The date was set after consultation with lily growers, who feel that the blossoms will be at their peak at that time.

Plans are already underway to invite outside units to the Lily parade, but no definite commitments could be made until the date was set.

A substantial crowd of Brookings-Harbor residents watched Thursday evening while a parade of over 20 county politicians went to the rostrum to tell why they should be elected.

The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce. And the politicians were present at the invitation of the Chamber, which had called the meeting so that local people could see all the office-seekers who wish to represent them.

It was a well-attended meeting, both from the viewpoint of spectators and candidates. Office-seekers from other parts of the county said they were gratified at the attendance, although it was probably not quite as large as the usual Chamber dinner.

Fireworks in the campaign talks flared only once, as District Attorney Sam Hall and his opponent, Bill Fuller measured sharp phrases in their platform appearances. Fuller evidently alluded to remarks made at a previous appearance in Port Orford, and informed the group that he would be present whenever needed if elected. He pledged the same fidelity to the job as to his private clients, and said he wanted the job, in an obvious thrust at Hall's repeated remark that the job was a burden which he felt bound to assume.

Hall was obviously angry as he rose to reply. He jabbed at Fuller's reference to his Harvard and Columbia background, telling of his own experience while working his way through Northwestern School of Law, a night law school. He repeated the job was a heavy obligation that he felt obligated to undertake and he had no obligation except to County and Country. In biting terms he referred to Fuller's pledge of being 'always present,' as he asked where the former deputy had been so often when he had needed him, and pledged full service to the job he was accepting because, he said, he felt a duty to do so.

Other candidates were almost flowery to most of their opponents. Probably top honors were taken by Rod McKenzie, candidate for Legislature, who characterized his opponent, Charles Grayshel of Brookings as a 'very good man,' and declined the opportunity to speak in his own behalf. Instead he used the time for a discussion of the County Reassessment bill which will appear on the ballot in the May primaries, and urged the group to back it.

Charles Grayshel, other candidate for the Legislative Post, listed his qualifications, and told of serving the county and the area, both as President and Harbor chairman of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Oregon Coast Association.

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