

On the Reef

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These are words of wisdom for the younger generation: Don't ever go to work on a newspaper. But if you do, don't do it too far from Gold Beach.

Because, in cases of fire, catastrophe, bomb damage, or act of God, such as broken down shops, it is very comforting feeling to be close to the Curry County Reporter.

We found out last week. As we say somewhere else on this page, we found out the hard way. With our linotype out of commission, and only eight pages set, we were in what might be charitably called a mess.

So we called Wickes Shaw, and she went into action. They wound up their own newspaper, and Don Cuykendall went to work setting curs. He got through at 3 A. M., and we hauled the type back to Brookings, to start running it through the press.

So we got a paper out. It looked a little different with the Reporter's Roman headlines. And it had a lot of items missing . . . lost in the general shuffle. And at the last minute we had to go through and pull out all the items that were happening Thursday . . . because we were too late to report they were going to happen. But it was (I think) a newspaper.

This Friday some four thousand Curry County residents will be eligible to go to the polls to vote. Less than half of them will do so. And on the shoulders of that 2,000 or less will rest the welfare of this county. They'll be pretty evenly split: perhaps 1,050 Republicans; 950 Democrats.

And that handful of voters, 200 here, fifty there, three hundred more over there, will elect the people who will govern us for the next term of office.

Did you ever stop to think how much power you have in that little insignificant vote of yours? You Republicans, for instance. You have about 2100 registered . . . and I'll bet right now that less than half of them vote.

So lets say 1,000 go to the polls, to elect a county judge tomorrow. There are four candidates . . . and if they split fairly evenly, it's conceivable that as few as three hundred votes could elect a County Judge.

So when you get down to that, it's apparent that the little, insignificant vote you have isn't so small, after all. Just yours, and a few more, and you may have shaped the destiny of this county for a number of years.

BREAKDOWNS DELAY PILOT REPORTER STAFF HELPS

Mechanical breakdown in the Pilot's plant last week delayed publication of that issue until Friday morning.

And the Pilot came out on Friday morning, only because of the magnificent cooperation of the staff of the Curry County Reporter.

Copy for last week's issue of the Pilot was taken to Gold Beach, where the Reporter staff began setting it immediately. The staff worked until 3 A. M., until enough was set to complete the paper, and it was rushed to Brookings.

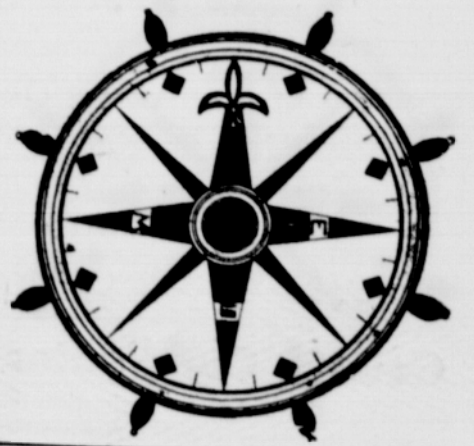
Only printable remark made all day by the Pilot's editor was a fervent "I love you", directed to the Reporter staff.

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Primary Elections Friday

PLANS READY FOR LARGEST AZALEA FETE

The Azalea Festival was fast approaching this week, and Brookings and Harbor were taking on a pretty hectic air.

With ten days to go, final plans were fast being readied for the celebration, which is expected to see ten thousand people crown Brookings.

One ton of beef was scheduled to arrive this week to feed the hungry visitors at Saturday's barbecue, and barbecuer Vic Reynolds was sharpening up on his sauces.

Finishing touches too were being readied for the Azalea garden club's flower show and the Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral Club's rock show. And Pete Lesmeister's Beavers were drawing a bead on the Grants Pass cavemen, who will invade the local baseball field Sunday.

Gamer's Bakery of Coos Bay this week announced that they would donate the buns for the barbecue. And Elmer Bankus earlier had donated the crown and tiara for the Princess Royal.

Meanwhile the Lion's Club announced a lengthening list of entries in the sixty mile Chetco River Boat races which will occupy Monday afternoon. Over \$800 in prize money is scheduled to be given to winners in the races.

Finance Chairman Ed Dempsey urged the sale of more membership tickets in the All-Year Events Association, to finance the festival. Purchase of the membership tickets entitles the holder to an opportunity to win part of \$1500 worth of merchandise to be given away following the boat races.

Included in the prizes are a TV set, a large chain saw, a Hot-point Dryer, a Frigidaire or Maytag washer, a Mercury outboard motor, a Sunbeam Mixer, and an electric blanket. Tickets are on sale now.

Lions Elect New Officers

Al Mincer was elected President of the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club at the organization's elections, held last Wednesday.

With Mincer, the following officers were elected: First vice president, Joe Kanick; Second vice president, Al Phillips; Third vice president, E. W. Steinhauer; Secretary, John Brown; Treasurer, LeRoy Pollard; Tail twister, Art Trepanier; Lion tamer, Harold Young; Directors, Rod Hermann, William Huovila, Earl Coates and Gordon Olson.

Her Majesty



Queen Gwen To Rule Over Azalea Land

Dak haired, dark eyed Gwen Newton of Port Orford was chosen Queen of the Azalea Festival at the Queen Selection Ball, held here Saturday.

Her runner-up was Thelma Nerly of Ophir, who will be Princess Royal in the Azalea Court. With their four Princesses, they'll rule over three days of festivities, from May 29 to 31.

The Queen was chosen by the most democratic method: the votes of the court themselves. The six Princesses in Secret ballot chose the Port Orford girl as the loveliest, and most regal of them all.

A full house at the Ball paid homage to the Court as they moved in to the ballroom with their escorts. The six girls stood facing the crown as Master of Ceremonies, Ester Morton tore open the envelope which revealed the chosen Queen and read it to the audience.

Next official act of Queen Gwen's will be her coronation at the Azalea Festival Saturday, May 29. There she will receive the crown of the Queen of Azalealand, and Princess Thelma will wear a tiara.

The two will be graced by lovely crowns, worn for the first time this year. Queen Gwen will wear a silvery crown, while Princess Thelma will have a pearl-clad tiara. The two were given to the Festival this year by Elmer Bankus.

The remainder of the Princesses: Lois Chapman of Brookings; Barbara Phillips of Langlois; Reba Smallwood of Gold Beach and Cherry Yamor of Crescent City will form the Royal Court which will preside over all functions during the three day holiday.

Local Polling Places Listed

Polls will be open for the primary election tomorrow from eight to eight, with voters dining their balloting in these places

Chetco Precinct, Chetco Grange Hall, Harbor.
Brookings Precinct: Odd-Fellows Hall, Brookings.
Pistol River: Friendship Club Hall, Pistol River.

Rotarians Send Two to Seattle

The Brookings Rotary Club is sending Archie Hendricks and George Funk as Delegates to the International Rotary Convention to be held in Seattle, Washington June 6 to 10. Rotarians from 8,200 Rotary Clubs of the world representing 88 countries will attend this great International Service Club Convention. Our Rotary Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians from clubs of all countries.

The western-etye spirit of friendliness and hospitality will reign and our own Delegates representing Brookings Club will do their best while in Seattle to help further these Rotarian ideals of service to country, community and occupation.

TWO MEETINGS SET FOR NEW ELKS CLUB

There will be another formative Elks meeting tonight at the Rod and Gun Club, starting at 8 p.m., according to Pete Lesmeister, Chairman of the new group.

Another meeting is set for the same place Monday, May 24th, which will probably be the closing date for Charter members.

Frank Hise, Grand Lodge Representative, will attend the Monday meeting, and movies of the last World Series will be shown. Elks and prospective Elks are urged to attend.

LADIES GOLF SCHOOL OPENS

The Del Norte Golf Club is sponsoring a Ladies Golf School beginning Thursday, May 20 at 1 p.m., Standard Time. Group classes are open to all women interested and will run for ten weeks. Charles Sullivan, Pro at the Del Norte Golf Club, will conduct the classes.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Nadiene Bodda who has been hospitalized for several weeks returned home and is much improved although it will be some time before she is fully recovered.

SHARP CONTESTS EXPECTED IN DA. JUDGE RACES

Curry County Voters go to the polls Friday to choose their party representatives in the primary elections.

Voters from both parties face a long string of candidates, with a number of stiff fights on both ballots. Experts were predicting a slightly higher than usual Primary vote for a non-president year.

Statewide, the only primary campaign for the Governor's chair was in the Republican primary, where incumbent Paul Patterson and Secretary of State Earl Newbry will vie.

There was also a Republican struggle for Labor Commissioner, between Eugene Allen of Portland and Herb Barker of Salem.

Locally, most interest was probably centered in the County Judge races on both sides, where four Republicans are three Democrats will tangle. On the Republican ballot Luther Tisdale, of Brookings Fred W. Adams of Ophir; Clarence M. Brooks of Langlois and incumbent Guy Forsyth all want the nomination.

Democrat Archie Kerber of Gold Beach bowed out of the race in the Democratic primary this week, leaving Charles Doane of Gold Beach in the running.

Fireworks are expected, too, in the District Attorney race, where incumbent Sam Hall of Brookings is faced by his former deputy, Bill Fuller of Gold Beach.

In past meetings, the two have jabbed at each other sharply.

Charles H. Grayshel of Brookings challenges Rod McKenzie of Sixes for his Legislative seat in a primary contest that is tantamount to election.

Glenn Sabin, Sheriff for many years, also faces opposition in Percy Lantz of Sixes. And two MDs, Paul Ronniger of Brookings and James Minty of Gold Beach are trying for coroner.

In the North end three Republicans want to be County Commissioner: Moss Averill of Port Orford; George Woodworth of Port Orford and J. R. Yoakam of Langlois.

Other races find either single candidates or vacancies on the ballot.

MRS. PATTERSON TO PRESENT PUPILS

The pupils of Mrs. Stanley Patterson will present a piano recital Tuesday, May 25th at the Community Baptist Church. The public is invited to the recital, which will begin at 7:30 P. M.