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Thompson, Borg, Smith Elected; Tax Levy Passes

Voters of Brookings Harbor School District 17C elected three new Directors Monday, and passed a bill to levy a tax to exceed the six per cent limitation by \$76,000.

The three new directors are Richard Smith of Brookings, who will serve five years; Lynn Borg, who will serve four, and Bill Thompson, who will serve three years.

Smith and Borg were unopposed for their positions Thompson defeated Frank Fanger of Harbor and Don Vaughan of Brookings for the three-year spot.

The levy for the school budget sailed through easily, with 69 voters approving it to 12 dissenting.

Very light balloting marked the two elections.

Election officials blamed it in part to the fact that the two elections were held at separate times.

SMITH RIVER ROBBER CAUGHT

Victor H. Johnson, wanted for robbery of Westbrook Market and Buckner's Garage in Smith River was apprehended June 14 by Del Norte County Sheriff Glover.

In his confession, Johnson admitted that on May 22, he broke into the market and the garage where he attempted to open the safes. Failing this, he took a small amount of change left in the cash register. Pennies taken from Westbrook Market were recovered at the time of his arrest.

Johnson is being held in Roseburg by Oregon authorities, after which he will have to answer charges in both California and Nevada.

CENSUS DOPE

It's important that everyone be counted in the census which is now taking place. That's why we ask these three things:

1. If you haven't been contacted by Friday noon, fill out form in paper and mail it in.
2. If you're leaving town and haven't been contacted, do the same or come to the Census office at the City Hall.
3. If you know residents who are away, inform the Census office of them.

Chamber Schedules Travel Bureau Men Tonight

Two representatives of the Oregon State Highway Department Travel Information Bureau will be guests of honor at the Brookings Chamber of Commerce monthly dinner, Thursday night.

The dinner meeting will be held at the VFW hall, at 7 p. m.

The two guests are James Young, Chief Photographer for the Travel Information Bureau, and Dennis Clarke, Assistant to the Director of the Bureau.

After the business meeting, the two will show some of the new films which the Bureau is making to help lure tourists to Oregon.

Scholarship Given City Graduates

Two Brookings Harbor High School graduates received scholarships at Commencement exercises recently.

Winner of the \$200.00 Rotary Club scholarship was Ray Westeren. Ray plans to use it to attend Oregon State College, where he will study Pharmacy.

The Parent-Teachers Association scholarship went to Pat Herman, who will major in Business Administration at the University of Oregon.

Alternate selection for the Rotary scholarship was Diana Bowlin, and Ann Ritchey was alternate for the PTA scholarship.

In addition, the awarding of two scholarship to the Eugene Beauty School were announced. They went to Carol Ann Benson and Joyce Baldwin Stone, both of whom will study there this coming year.

Mrs. Mildred Byrne and daughter, Joan, will spend Saturday in Grants Pass.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Chetco Community Library will be closed, Friday, June 25th., because of Elks Lodge institution in the VFW Hall. All books due on this date will be renewed to July 2nd.

Plans Move Forward for Lily Parade and Rodeo

Brookings Group Plans Low Cost FHA Homes Here

Announcement was made this week of plans to build a number of new low cost houses in Brookings by a local concern.

The announcement was made jointly by Mack Malcolm and Ray Gadberry, associates in the venture, and the Pete Lesmeister Agency, which will handle sales. Malcolm, a local contractor, will do the building in addition to his regular construction work.

Plans for the new houses are being drawn at the present time. They will be two, three, and four bedroom homes, built to FHA specifications and financed by FHA and veteran's loans.

Model home were slated to begin rising this week, on two of the company's sites.

Plans for the homes are based on the great need for low cost housing in this area, Pete Lesmeister, Sales Agent said. With FHA approval local residents will have the opportunity to buy their homes with a much smaller down payment than has been possible heretofore.

Labor cutting procedures are being used to bring the costs of the houses down. The group recently returned from an inspection of a number of housing developments to learn what is being done to produce quality homes at low cost. The procedures learned, they say, will bring costs of the Brookings homes to very low levels.

Institution For New Elks Lodge Set For Friday

Brookings Elks Lodge No. 1934 will be instituted at impressive ceremonies at the High School gymnasium, according to Pete J. Lesmeister, organizational chairman.

Two hundred fifty Elks are expected to be enrolled in the Lodge on that night, and at least as many more are expected for the event.

Approximately 180 new candidates will be initiated into the Elks at seven P. M., and the institution ceremony will take place at eight. About seventy past and present Elks are affiliating with the local Lodge, to give it a membership of 250.

Refreshments will be served in the VFW hall, following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lyons of Corvallis have been guests of W. H. Brady. Mrs. Lyons is Mr. Brady's sister.

With two and one-half weeks to go; here's the way things look for the Lily Festival:

The lillies are blooming, which is very cooperative of them. And Evelyn Jaklewicz who is about to start picking them to give to strangers passing through, is frantically trying to round up a crew to help her. She has asked that everyone who can help contact her so they can arrange to start picking the blotoms soon. Arrangements have already been made for the blossoms.

Lily Growers in the Harbor area have begun plans for the Queen's float, which they will build. Quite a float, too.

The Scotia Band became the first marching group to announce they would participate in the parade. The Grants Pass Cavemen have already accepted a bid to be here, but they don't exactly march. In fact, you can't quite tell what they will do.

Bonnie Kay Mincer, who is in charge of the children's division, is setting up plans for what is expected to be a record number of entries in her division. Children entering a decorated vehicle, pet or float in the parade will become eligible to win a bicycle. The bicycle will be given to some lucky child, and will be a separate prize from the ribbons given for the best entries.

Otherwise, it was the calm before the storm. A few far-sighted groups and businesses had begun work on their floats and were making preparations.

On the Rodeo front, the Chetco Wranglers were completing their preparations for the two day rodeo which will inaugurate their new grounds. Finishing touches were being put on the rodeo grounds, where Brookings first rodeo will take place before several thousand fans at 2:30, both Saturday and Sunday.

A full program of events is assured for the Rodeo, the Wranglers say.

Wranglers To Hold Open House Sun.

The Chetco Wranglers Saddle Club who have spent several months erecting their Rodeo Grounds just north of Brookings, have completed their project, and are inviting the public to attend an "open house" at the grounds Sunday, June 27 at 6 p. m.

The completed project has been rated as one of the best stock arenas in Oregon, and will be used for the Rodeo which the club is sponsoring as a part of the Lily Festival, July 10 and 11 this year.

Members of the club will serve Chili and Coffee at the grounds Sunday evening.

The city of Brookings at this time is split wide open by a controversy. It isn't the first time it has been so split, and it will undoubtedly not be the last, but the city will surely be weakened by it just as it has been weakened in the past by its controversies.

This one concerns the location of a new post office proposed for the city. During the past few weeks, inspectors from the postal department have inspected a number of sites in Brookings, and the city has been witnessing various groups scurrying around to get letters written and petitions signed recommending a site right next door.

We have one strong belief in regard to that post office. We think it should be built in the place where it will do the largest number of people the greatest good. Those people include the ones who use it now, the ones who will use it in the future as the city grows, and the taxpayers who will pay the lease on it. And we're frankly in favor of letting the post office department make up its own mind, for surely, out of their long experience, they have a calmer and more judicious eye than the man who is counting the people going past his place of business in the direction of the post office's proposed site.

However, strong pressure is being put on both the Chamber of Commerce and the City Government to intercede in behalf of specific areas which are interested in the post office. We are certain that if either body takes sides between the citizens of this city, the damage done to the future of Brookings will be irreparable. Both groups were organized to represent all the citizens of this town . . . when they start representing just a part of them, they will have performed a worse service than if they had never existed.

There was a time, I think, when the Chamber could have acted. When this came up, many months ago, the Chamber Directors could have, in unbiased debate, tried to decide where it was best for the post office to go. And then they should have marshalled their resources to make that spot so attractive to the Postal Department.

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Greater Share of State Funds for Brookings Hangs on Census Outcome

Brookings was having its census taking this week—and the city fathers were standing anxiously by to see if the final results meant more money in the sock.

Census Supervisor Benjamin K. Kundin arrived this week, to begin the business of counting the population of the city of Brookings. Counting got underway Tuesday, and will continue through Friday, and possibly Saturday.

The census was requested by the City Government in the hope that it would show that Brookings had passed the 2,000 mark. If it has, the new figure will result in substantial increases in the city's share of state funds. So sure is the council that it has, that they have gambled the approximate \$600.00 cost of the census in hopes of gains that may range around \$5,000 a year . . . gains they would have had to postpone until 1960 without a census.

Kundin, who operates from the Regional office of the Bureau of the Census will probably be here about a week.

Local personnel have been trained by him to carry out the count here.

Mr. Kundin said there is some danger that a few persons may be missed in the count. He has asked that those who have not been contacted by Friday noon fill out the form which is printed in this issue of the Pilot.

While the city is interested mainly in the number of its citizens, the Census bureau is asking a few other pertinent questions. They are asking the address, name of each person, relationship to the head of the house, sex, color and age . . . and they want to be sure it is understood that the age is confidential. Frankly, they're pessimistic about getting a too accurate report on age.