

On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

We're having quite a struggle around this office these days. And the struggle's with Everybody.

It isn't that we don't like Everybody. Probably we like him as well as we do most people, and on a Monday morning like this that's not much. But Everybody is giving us one heck of a lot of trouble with the things he says.

Seven people have been in here today, and they all follow the same procedure. They throw open the door, take up a stance in front of the desk, and burst out "Everybody says . . ." and then they tell us what Everybody said.

Well, I guess that's all right. We're interested in what Everybody says. But we've never met a more inconsistent performer in our life. The first person who told us what Everybody said certainly didn't hear him quite as well as the fifth did, because they seem to have arrived at totally different viewpoints as to just what it is that Everybody said.

Or maybe it's just that Everybody is one of these persons that has a different tale for each person he meets. From all we've heard from the people who tell us what Everybody said, he seems to be a pretty variable person. Come to think of it, we may not like him as much as we thought we did.

But one thing's sure. We're waiting patiently for the day he opens the door himself and walks in. We've been wanting to find out for quite awhile now just what it is that Everybody said. And when we do find out . . . we'll tell you.

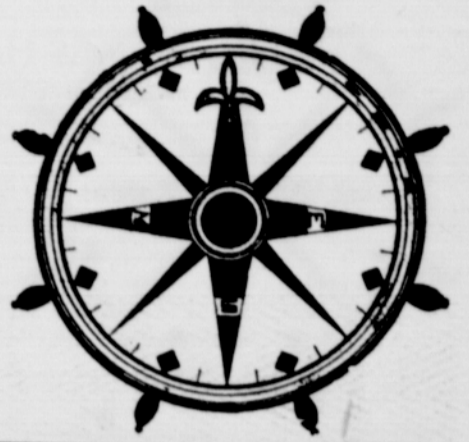
There was a time when the Fourth of July was a pretty hectic sort of celebration. All the kids in the neighborhood celebrated the fourth with fireworks, and all the parents patched them up on the fifth . . . if they had lived through it.

These days, they're being a little more sensible about how the kids behave. But they still haven't done much about the parents. And this year, as on every Fourth, there'll be tragedy in many a home. Traffic accidents on the highways of the nation will take a staggering toll, as motorists travel to celebrate the Fourth.

It's a glorious holiday, and without a doubt it should be celebrated. But this Fourth, think of the consequences if something happens to you . . . and drive safely.

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Thursday, July 8, 1954

Brookings Count 2,273

49 PER CENT INCREASE SHOWN IN THREE YEARS

The population of Brookings is 2,274, according to the preliminary report turned over to Mayor Robert Dimmick by Benjamin J. Kudin, who supervised the federal census just completed here.

The new figure is a 49 per cent increase from the 1,525 which was counted when Brookings was incorporated in 1951.

Kudin said that there may be some slight change in the official figures which will be released from Washington. The present total, however, should be very close.

By passing the 2,000 mark, the City of Brookings carved itself a larger share of state funds, which are distributed to cities by population. It also probably carved a niche as Oregon's fastest growing city, although such an honor is problematical without the benefit of a census in other fast growing towns.

Curry County, however, was named as Oregon's fastest growing county on a 38 per cent increase in three years by the State Board of Health. Brookings' 49 per cent increase in the same period should earn it the title of fastest growing city.



Here are the newly-elected officers of Elks Lodge No. 1934 of Brookings. Left to right, Front row: Tom Doherty, Tiler; Bob Rettke, Lecturing Knight; Pete Lesmeister, Exalted Ruler; Cliff Brimm, Leading Knight; Merle Hanscam, Loyal Knight; Second row: Homer Haggerty, Esquire; Roy Brown, Chaplain; Roy Weideman, Organist; Arnold Peabody, Treasurer. Back row: Homer Kessler, Trustee; Ray Gadberry, Trustee; Archie Anderson, Trustee and Wes Smith, Secretary. Not pictured is Henry Kerr, Trustee. (Ray Sarver Photo)

FHA Program For Second Building Firm Announced

A second Brookings Construction Co. announced this week that it was building homes locally on FHA financing.

Ed McClain this week said that he had arranged FHA and Veterans loans for the homes he is building, and that a number of them had already been approved for loans. One of his new homes is to be shown, fully completed and furnished, July 9, 10 and 11.

WATER DAMAGES VARIETY STORE

Water which overflowed from a tank on an X-ray machine in Dr. Paul Ronniger's office did an estimated \$500.00 damage in the Manley building Monday night.

Most of the damage was to stock in Palmer's Variety Store, located below Dr. Ronniger's office. The defective tank started leaking during the night, and had saturated a large amount of stock before being discovered.

VACATION IN WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Merce Jaklewicz are leaving Friday to spend two weeks vacation in Aberdeen, Washington, where they will visit relatives.

DIVISIONS FOR PARADE GIVEN

Here are classifications of floats for the Lily parade, together with the chairman of each division:

Organizations: Hugh Bronson.

Commercial: Amber Campbell.

Industrial and logging: Jack Holmes.

Comic: Al Phillips.

Juvenile: Bonnie Kay Mincer.

Outside Entries: Grace Yelton.

If you wish to enter a float contact the Chairman of your Division, promptly.

Elks Inaugurate Brookings Lodge

One Hundred and seventy one neophytes were initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Friday, at ceremonies which marked the organization of Brookings Lodge, 1954.

With the 171 new members were approximately 80 past and present Elks, who are affiliating with the new Lodge.

Pete J. Lesmeister was elected Exalted Ruler of the Local Lodge at the first election, held after the initiation of the new members.

Other officers elected include Clifford Brimm, Leading Knight; Merle Hanscam, Loyal Knight; Bob Rettke, Lecturing Knight; Wesley Smith, Secretary; Arnold Peabody, Treasurer; Homer Haggerty, Esquire; Roy Brown, Chaplain; Roy Weideman, Organist; Tom Doherty, Tiler.

Trustees chosen by the group were Homer Kessler, Ray Gadberry, Archie Anderson, and Henry Kerr.

The election of the new officers was presided over by Frank Longergan of Portland, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, who welcomed the new officers and members into Elkdom.

Earlier, members of the Crescent City Lodge, under Exalted Ruler Byron Justus, had conducted

Thornsberry Gets Probation On Check Charge

Floyd Thornsberry was put on probation from a two year prison sentence last week, and given permission to return to Los Angeles by Circuit Judge Dal King.

Thornsberry had previously pleaded guilty to a charge of forging checks here. Sentence had been deferred by Judge King until a check could be made of Thornsberry's past record.

The Probationary sentence is conditional upon Thornsberry's not violating any law during the two year period.

ed the initiation service for the new members.

Installation of the new officers of the Brookings Lodge was made by William Stollmack, of Bend, Past President of the State Elks Association, and Frank Hise, Corvallis, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, with the assistance of the Crescent City Lodge.

A number of visiting Elks were on hand to offer tokens of welcome to the Brookings Lodge from the various other Lodges in Oregon.

BROOKINGS, HARBOR AWAIT TWO DAY LILY CELEBRATION

Brookings and Harbor were looking past the Fourth of July this week, to the annual Lily Blossom Days, which open here July 10 and 11.

Plans for both Rodeo and Lily Parade were moving forward well this week.

The Chetco Wranglers reported that the Rodeo ground was virtually completed, and showed it last Sunday to a crowd of visitors at their open house.

A full scale of events are in readiness for the Rodeo, which will inaugurate the new grounds. The Rodeo will open at 2:30 P. M., both Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11.

The Lily Parade, scheduled for Sunday at 12:30, will be featured

by five full sections of floats and entries.

At least three bands are expected for the event, as well as the Grants Pass Cavemen, that City's stellar tourist attraction.

Seventeen floats are already scheduled for the parade, with more to come. And construction has been started by a group of local Lily Growers, who are building the float which will carry Queen Gwen and her Court.

In the meantime, the Lillies were having a hard time gauging their growing season to hit the parade. Originally believed to be progressing too fast, recent cool weather has slowed their growth, and they should be blooming just about right for the festival, with some fields a little late.