

On the Reef
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We've had to do away with Mrs. Akers. I'm sorry, but it was unavoidable.

Mrs. Akers had lots of virtue, but she had one unforgiveable vice, She was uncooperative. As the local weatherman (should be weatherwoman, I guess) she was guilty of gross neglect of her responsibilities.

It was Mrs. Akers who permitted it to rain last week . . . rain on the first day of the Wranglers brand new Rodeo, rain until the Lily fields were soaked and we had to call off our parade. And it was she, too, who turned around and let the sun shine after it was too late.

So We've taken care of her. The Tisdales are taking of the weather this week. I've explained in detail what will happen to them if they permit it to rain, and on quivering knee they have assured me that it won't. And if it does . . .

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The City of Brookings is very upset about it's City hall . . . or rather THE city hall. Because unfortunately, it doesn't belong to the City of Brookings.

This sad truth came to light recently. It seems the ground where the City Hall stands was given a long time ago to the Brookings Chamber of Commerce for the construction of a fire house, that was back in the old days, before there was a City of Brookings.

So the local people built a fire house for the Fire Protection District here. And when the City was incorporated, the City took over about 95 per cent of the old fire district, and the fire station became the city of Brookings' fire house. Later they added a second story to house the city offices.

Recently it was discovered that the deed to the property is still in the name of the Chamber of Commerce. And so the City has asked the Chamber, please, to give it title to the Hall so it can call the City its own.

At last reports, the Chamber Directors weren't at all sure that they wanted to, by gosh. It's their hall, they say, and they just may keep it. They always wanted a City Hall they could call their own, and now they find they've got one. But after a few more people raise the roof, as they're apt to do any Council night, they'll probably be glad to give it to the city.

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We've lost our parakeet. He's been listening to the birds outside, lately, and we think he heard a couple of voices which he thought, might just possibly be parakeets. And when he finds out they aren't, he'll probably wind up in someone's home. We think he always thought he was human, anyway.

So we hope he's happy. Doris and Billy and Kathie aren't. Doris would probably climb another tree to get him back . . . if she only knew which tree.

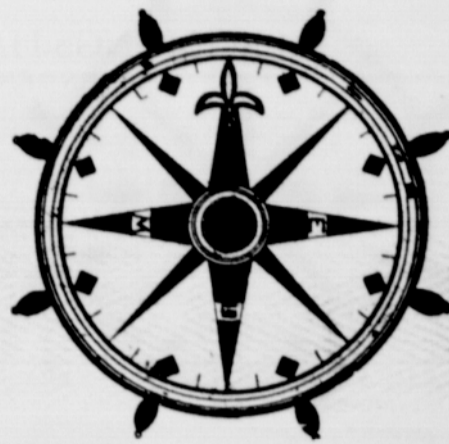
KERRS HAVE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray De La Hay and family are visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerr. Mr. and Mrs. De La Hay have just returned from the Sudan Interior Mission, in French West Africa. They will be here probably a week.

In 1953, 269,360 pedestrians were injured in U. S. traffic accidents.

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Well, Here We Go Again!

Wranglers First Rodeo Sees Huge Crowd Sunday

Capacity crowds Sunday packed the Rodeo Grounds for the first annual Chetco Wrangler's Rodeo, after rain Saturday had cut the opening day crowd.

And it was quite a Rodeo they say. The estimated 1500 who jammed the stands and side lines watched three hours of excitement packed action.

About 100 people braved the rain Saturday to see the inauguration of the Rodeo Grounds, and they, too were rewarded with an excellent show.

Top cowboys of the Northwest teamed with the Ross-Purdy Rodeo to make the Sunday show one of the most exciting shows ever seen here. And the crowd was obviously pleased at the conclusion of the show.

Only one casualty marked the day. Wilson Freeman suffered a broken nose when an excited horse knocked him down and trampled him.

Top contestants vied in a program of bareback riding, calf roping, bronc riding, wild cow milking and wild steer riding. The Rodeo was under the P. R. A. Association rules, with points won here counting towards contestants totals.

And local youngsters got into the act, too. They vied in calf, lamb and greased pig scramble, with the winners taking their prizes home to raise as Four-H projects.

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Fire Damages Guthrie Home

Fire last Friday damaged two rooms in the Arthur Guthrie home, on fifth street. The blaze was brought under control by the Brookings fire department.

The fire, which damaged two bedrooms in the home, was believed to have started in the electrical wiring. It was discovered by Guthrie's brother who lives nearby.

METERS CHANGED

The Brookings City Council authorized the removal of one parking meter in front of the post office at it's regular meeting Tuesday.

The removal was made to facilitate the loading and delivery of mail by the mail truck.

Also slated for removal are meters in the near vicinity of the newly installed hydrants on Brookings streets. No parking zones will be created to keep the hydrants clear.

Council Approves Plan To Number Brookings Houses

The Brookings City Council Tuesday approved a plan worked out by the City Planning Commission to number the houses along city streets.

The house numbering plan is expected to be the first step in a long range program to eventually gain home mail delivery for the city. In the meantime it is expected to make the finding of local residents a great deal easier.

The plan envisioned by the Planning Commission calls for a grid of street numbers working from the Chetco river and the Pacific Ocean. Numbers would start with 100 at those two points, and work through the town west and North until they had reached the city limits.

In most cases, initial numbers would change at street intersections, but in long stretches without intervening streets, they would change within the block, in areas where there were very short blocks within the numbering grid, there would probably be several blocks with the same initial numbers.

As an example, City Building Inspector Arp pointed out that in the downtown area, numbers on the Ocean Side of Chetco Avenue would be in the 400 sequence, decreasing as they progressed toward the Cove. On the opposite side, they would increase until they reached the City limit. Along Chetco Avenue, numbers would start with 100 near the river, and progress to about 2100 at the westerly city limits.

Under this system, no numbers in the city will be preceded with directional letters: in other words, there will be no north streets, south streets, east or west streets.

Also necessary will be the re-naming of a few streets, such as Del Norte, which makes a right angle turn, and the numbered streets off Easy street, which will be numbered in the wrong direction for the new system.

The council plans to have a hearing on the new system prior to its adoption, to hear any objection to the proposed method. Following such a hearing, numbers would be apportioned to the houses.

In other Council action, the City heard from Anna Moulton, local representative of a direct-sale clothing company, who asked that she be permitted to buy a license to conduct her business here. The council held action over until next meeting.

The city also discussed means to collect the \$3,000 which is still owed by property owners along Hillside Avenue on street assessments. Hillside is scheduled to be paved within a couple of weeks.

Lily Blossom Parade to Leave Chetco And Oak Streets at One; Carnival Added to Postponed Celebration

Thieves Enter Two Homes Here

Robbers last week invaded two Brookings homes, neither of which was occupied at the time. The thieves took some articles at both homes, and did great damage to the two houses.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jacobs, the thieves entered by cutting window screens. They took some personal possessions of the Jacobs', and did extensive damage to windows and doors. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have been away.

The vandals also entered a house owned by Mrs. Mildred Byrnes on Tanbark Road, doing extensive damage to the windows and contents.

COUNCIL CONTROLS HEIGHT OF FENCES

The Brookings City Council on June 16 passed an ordinance limiting the height of fences within the city to six feet.

The action, not heretofore reported, was taken at one of the Council's irregular meetings.

Forest Service Crew Trys New Packer

Brookings National Forest Crews are experimenting with a new mechanical packer here, according to W. E. Ragland, District Ranger.

The machine looks like an elongated wheelbarrow with a set of handle bars on each end. The packer is seven feet long, and centered over one rubber tired wheel. Power comes from a two horsepower Continental Motor.

The boys call the machine "Mary". It is manufactured by the Merry Tiller Company, and is branded the Merry Packer. Mary is rated at 500 pounds capacity, and is being used by forest service crews to pack their gear up the mountain trails in the forest.

Mt. Emily and Vulcan Peak lookouts were packed up with Mary this year. The machine has considerable merit, Ragland says, although it has some limitations. Mary doesn't bend around sharp switchbacks as well as the traditional hay-burning government pack mule.

VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson, son of Mrs. Leroy Weideman, visited here last week end.

The once postponed Brookings-Harbor Lily Day parade will take place next Sunday, starting at one p. m.

And this time, it had better be good or local citizens will secede from the United States Weather Bureau.

Everything was in readiness for the celebration which will honor the Lily Center of the World Sunday. And even the lilies were cooperating, with the last week seeing the fields turning white with newly-opened blooms.

Last week's parade was postponed at the last moment, as rain prevented pickers from entering fields. And even if they had been able to pick the blooms for the floats, it is doubtful if there would have been enough lilies for all the floats.

This week there are plenty of lilies . . . and plenty else. All the three scheduled bands will be here for the parade.

And added to the program was the Roberts Brothers shows, who opened here today, and will play through Sunday. The carnival, which also was here last year, is a favorite with local people.

Actually, the week's delay may have expanded the parade from the expected 18 or 20 floats. A couple of organizations which hadn't had a chance to build theirs have indicated they, too, may enter the parade.

Six divisions are planned by Parade Marshal George Funk. They will be Industrial, Commercial, Organizations, Juvenile, and Individuals and comic, with local kids entering their exhibits at Mincer's Jewelry. A bicycle will be given to some lucky child, who enters a float.

The parade this year will form at the corner of Chetco and Oak, across from the Chamber of Commerce building. It will leave at one sharp, moving down the street to the west, and disbanding in the area near the Richfield Station.

Judging is scheduled to begin at 12:30 P. M., so that the parade can leave on time.

Presbyterians Plan Groundbreaking Later

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Presbyterian Church, which were originally scheduled for this Sunday, have been postponed for one week, according to the Reverend Hugh Bronson.

The postponement was made so that those taking part in the ceremony, as well as spectators, would be able to see the Lily Blossom parade.