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The Sunny Side of a Postponed Parade

In common with almost everyone, we were sadly disappointed when we had to postpone our Lily parade last week. But we are sure that this week's celebration will be all the greater for the added suspense.

We have heard, a couple of places that the postponement wasn't really necessary, considering the beautiful weather Sunday. However, the weather Sunday was too late to benefit the celebration. For the Lily parade, there must be lily-decorated floats, and the lily fields would have been sadly damaged by pickers tramping through them while they were soaked.

And it's working out pretty well . . . if the weather man will cooperate. All our bands will be here. In addition, the carnival which couldn't get here for the original date is here for this one. And the fields which had just a few blooms last week are loaded with Lilies for us now.

So we're ready for Lily Blossom days . . . and we're ready, too, for a little cooperation from the weatherman. With his help, this should be one of our finest parades.

While we're the subject, we think we should dish out our very nicest compliments to the Chetco Wranglers for their fine Rodeo. It's true that rainy weather Saturday hurt their attendance, but the grounds were packed Sunday. And they saw a truly fine show. We think it's safe to say there will be rodeos in Brookings from now on.

The Need for a City Charter

The streets of Brookings (about which we have said a number of things in the past, few complimentary) have been dry and dusty the last few weeks, whenever they weren't muddy. The City has been powerless to do anything about it, since their maintenance funds, which were never plentiful, have been all used up, pending the new fiscal year.

When new funds are available, the city will probably oil the streets. But such a measure is only a stop gap one, really.

It all points up again the need for the paving project which the city has proposed to do, when it gets the authority to float a bond issue. And that in turn shows the need to pass the City Charter which will make our bonds acceptable, when it is voted upon in August.

Money spent on stop-gap maintenance is lost forever. The same funds, put into a long range paving project, can give Brookings one of the finest street systems in a city of its size.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C.
4th District, Oregon

Senator Guy Cordon, Oregon's senior senator, was named Friday by chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs committee to replace Senator Hugh Butler (R., Neb.) whose death last week resulted in the vacancy of the interior committee chairmanship.

In view of the region's ever-increasing power needs and kilowatt shortages, the interior committee is the most important legislative committee to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. More than half of the territory within the state of Oregon is publicly-owned, and the Department of the Interior has jurisdiction over the bulk of this public domain. Also, the department has authority over the widespread activities of the Bureau of Reclamation, and through Bonneville Power Administration, over the marketing of federally-generated power in Oregon and the rest of the Pacific Northwest. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has legislative jurisdiction over the Interior Department.

Although he was third ranking member of the Interior and Insular affairs committee, Cordon was the logical successor to Senator Butler. During Senator Butler's period of failing health, many of the chairman's duties had been assumed by Cordon.

Under normal procedure the second ranking Republican member of the committee, Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado, would assume the chairmanship. However, Millikin agreed to waive his rights in favor of Cordon, since Millikin is currently chairman of the finance committee, and it is the senate custom for a member to have no more than one committee chairmanship.

Cordon is also a ranking member of the appropriations committee, chairman of its subcommittee on interior appropriations and ranking member of its subcommittee on rivers and harbors (civil functions) appropriations. He is a member of the independent officers and treasury-post office subcommittees of the appropriations committee, and a member of the joint committee on atomic energy and the senate majority policy committee.

FAMILY REUNION AT GROOTENDORST'S

The L. H. Grootendorst home was a crowded but happy place last week end when the whole family was together for the first time in four years.

Daughter, Mary Davis, with her husband, J. K. Davis and newborn son, Stephen Keith, were here on their way from New London, Connecticut where Lt. Davis just graduated from submarine school, to their new station in Coronado, California.

Sgt. Pete Grootendorst came from California, Henry from Iceland, and Edward with three friends came from Davenport, Iowa where he is attending Palmer Chiropractic School.

IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ritchey had a letter last week from their son, Roscoe, announcing his arrival in France.

ENTERTAINS SCOUTS

The local American Legion Post entertained about forty boy scouts Monday evening at the V. F. W. Hall, with movies lent by Mr. Henry Kerr. The boys were shown four reels of comics which they thoroughly enjoyed.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By
CLIFFORD P. ROWE

UNDOUBTEDLY everyone is familiar with the antics of Daniel Boone in his attempt to get away from civilization and its densely populated areas. If so, then all should feel at least one small twinge of sympathy for the modern nature lover who strives to escape the stifling influence of town or city by rushing for its outskirts.

It it weren't for the fact that those involved can see nothing funny about it, the situation could have humorous possibilities. The joke, if there is one, stems from the fact that these worshippers of the wide-open spaces are so fanatic and so convincing in promoting their chosen habitat that their converts follow them in hordes to the fringes, thus creating the very same situation they profess to escape.

And those in the market place, desiring to give the suburbanites the same services and comforts to which they have become accustomed, oblige by plunking their huge super-shopping centers right down in the middle of the intended Utopias. As a result, the fresh-air fiend who loves to strut in his backyard, thumping his chest Tarzan-like, as he yodels the glories of life with nature, eventually finds himself choking in a fog of exhaust fumes.

Of course, I must admit that there is actually little value in having a better set-up than your friends, if you can't rub it in with

a certain amount of bragging. On the other hand, this same boasting will eventually drive your friends as well as your enemies to pounding out a trail of your happy hunting grounds. When they eventually pave the trail, your haven of seclusion becomes just another outpost for "operation gas station".

My only advice for those who have a horror of neighbors, forget modern conveniences and then keep in strictest secrecy any pleasures derived therefrom. Me, I'm staying in town. Won't be long until we town folk will have all of the elbow room as well as most of the fresh air.

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Elmer Kennedy.

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