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**FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH**
By
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ROWE

THERE is very little likelihood of anyone's ever convincing me that youth of today are to be envied. While it may be fashionable to feed our youngsters the propoganda that we never had it as good as they, the possibility exists that like parrots we're talking but not thinking.

As a matter of fact, the more I study the life, habits and customs of the younger generation the more inclined I am to offer them condolences rather than congratulations. Granting that they have many more of the comforts of life admitting that their sources of entertainment are much more plentiful, and conceding that their life in general runs considerably smoother, I would still prefer yesterday to today.

Just take driving a car for one example. I have just gone through the process of teaching the son and heir to pilot the family car; and believe me, the experience must have been as boring for him as it is for me to hear the Democrats bemoan the "mess" in Washington. All he had to do was turn the key, shift the hydromatic to drive, and then steer. Any moron can do as much. In fact, many of them do.

How much more thrilling it was for me when I took my driving lessons in an old Model T. With three pedals to work with the feet, two levers to manipulate with the hands while steering, provided one had survived the hazards of cranking to start it, herding a car called for much more than the mere ability to follow a yellow line down the road.

And then, too, there was always the adventure involved of never knowing for sure if your foot was pressing the right pedal. Prepared to lunge forward down the road, you might instead find yourself kissing the windshield as the car went in the opposite direction; or thinking to put your foot on the brake, you would suddenly find yourself hurtling around a curve, realizing too late that again you had kicked the wrong pedal.

Yes, the son can now drive and has a license to prove it; but I am certain that the thrill was never his that was mine after finally proving myself master of the "Tin Lizzie".

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There will be no admission charge, and no offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Rev. John R. Shideler, vicar of St. Timothy's Episcopal Mission, and his family are in Gearhart this week attending a Clergy Conference.

NOTICE OF WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that the following numbered warrants, issued by the City of Brookings, Oregon, and drawn on the general Fund and endorsed "Not Paid For Want of Funds" are called for payment: Nos. 305 to 320 inclusive dated April 14, 1954. Interest ceases after July 22nd, 1954.

Gladys Kanick, Treasurer
Published July 22, 1954.

Needed: Better Postal Service

Among the complaints peculiar to the Brookings-Harbor area is one which is very valid: That our mail service, to put it bluntly, isn't what it should be.

And it may be of interest to local people that work is being done to improve it.

Post Master Bill Thompson told the City Council last week of the program which is being worked on by the regional post office supervisor and himself. It isn't a program which will be completed overnight, but over a period of time it should improve our service considerably.

In addition, action by Brookings city officials may help to speed the plan. For instance, in the dim, far future we hope to have door to door delivery of mail here. But first we must have sidewalks and house numbers. That's where the city comes in.

And action on postal improvements, too, comes only as the people let it be known they want them. We need Rural mail delivery routes, both north and south of town, and they are being worked on now. But they aren't apt to come about unless enough people along the proposed routes petition the post office department for them.

Basically, this is the long range plan which Thompson and his supervisor are working on:

1. The reorganization of mail schedules. The post office hopes, soon, to reroute mail to the north through Coquille, to catch a faster train at Eugene than the present one at Grants Pass. Such a change may save up to a day on northern and eastern mail. Accompanying that plan is another to possibly increase the daily deliveries here to two each way, but that one may not work out.

2. The establishment of Rural Free delivery routes north and south of Brookings. Probably there is ample justification for those routes now . . . and they will probably come after petitions are circulated and a survey of the potential route made.

3. City delivery of mail. It's far in the future. But if we get an adequate sidewalk construction program here, and if we continue to grow as we have in the past, it may not be as long as we think.

There are a couple of details in the program which haven't been touched upon. One concerns the fact that, no matter how well organized our mail schedules are, we are still far off the main lines of communication, so our mail will probably always be slow. But we are an unusual community in that we have access to much better air connections than we have to railways.

With the Administration doing some experimentation on air delivery of first class mail, it may be possible in the future to prevail upon them to move mail for Brookings over Southwest Airways, rather than trucking it to Grants Pass or Coquille.

One other delicate point is the status of Harbor Post Office. We would be firmly opposed to seeing that post office, which actually antedates Brookings, lost by being submerged in Brookings.

But it is possible that by combining the two of them, and establishing a sub-station in Harbor, that the larger post office could offer the people of Harbor greater advantages than they have now.

If so, it may be advisable to combine the two in the future. But if they do, we think that the name of the combined post office should be Brookings Harbor, so the the community across the river will not lose its identity. And we repeat that the consolidation should never be considered until the time it offers clean-cut advantages to the citizens of the two communities to do so.

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