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On the Reef
By BILL PHELPS

We've been saving up quite a few things to say in this column, but everytime we sit down at the typewriter we forget what they were. You probably wouldn't have liked them, anyway.

One thing we've been meaning to do was a little polite boasting. You remember Ed McClain's Ads for his Model House opening? 1200 people signed the guest book for that opening, besides the ones who couldn't write. And Ed swears he didn't tell a soul except through the Pilot ads.

As far as that goes, we already knew how many people read this paper. We managed, with a little cooperation from the Theater management, to foul up the Ocean Drive-In's Ad . . . got the program a week too early. We heard about it, too . . . from a large number of people who had driven 20 miles to see the wrong show.

Anyhow, we think a surprise is nice once in awhile. That's why we did it . . . it says here.

It's quite awhile to the fall selections, but we're already wondering who the next Mayor of this City will be. But we already have a request to make of him in advance.

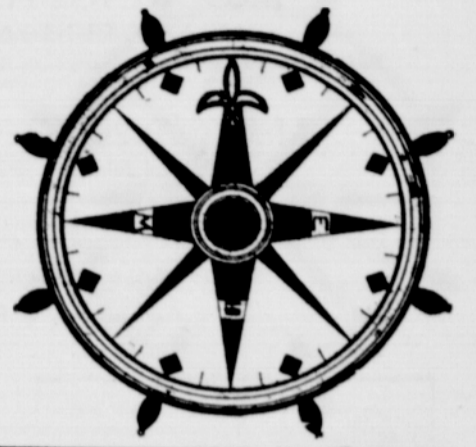
We'd like to see the Council do as much or their work as possible at regular meetings of the Council. Posing as a newspaper, as we sometimes do, we feel a little embarrassed to learn of actions by the Council which no one knew of . . . and by the singular coincidence that none of the five members ever thought to mention them to us.

We realize, of course, that things often come up which require immediate action by the council. But having an evil, suspicious sort of mind, we've sometimes wondered if the Council just doesn't find it more peaceful to meet occasionally without having it nosed around. We'll agree it's peaceful . . . but it's not in the best traditions of Government.

That's the trouble with these darned democracies . . . everyone wants to know what's going on.

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Thursday, July 29, 1954

HEAD OF LEGION POST HERE DIES AT CONVENTION

Monroe Lew Morgan, Commander of Chetco American Legion Post 138, and a Brookings resident for several years, died Saturday morning at Coos Bay, where he was attending the American Legion State Convention. Death was due to a heart attack.

While in Brookings, Morgan almost single-handedly revived the local Legion Post, which, he was representing at the time of his death.

One of his last acts in that capacity was the construction of the Legion's float for the Lily Day parade. The float was a huge American flag of red and blue painted lilies as well as natural ones. Morgan took the float with him to the Legion Convention, where it attracted widespread attention. He and the local post's other delegate, Bill Hamann, also distributed lilies at the convention.

Mr. Morgan was born June 24, 1891, in Portland. In addition to his Legion membership, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Cascade Locks Lodge of the I. O. O. F., Madrone encampment of Crescent City, and Local No. 72 of the Boilermakers Union of Portland.

Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church, Tuesday, July 27, with Rev. Hugh Bronson officiating. Chetco Post 138 sent a firing squad and a bugler for their farewell to their commander.

Final rites were held Wednesday morning in Portland, where

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City Police Hold Two Men For Burglary

Two men were arrested by Brookings Police Wednesday evening, and are being held in the City jail on charges of burglary.

The two are Ralph Gilmore, 20, and Gilbert Alt, 18, both of Brookings. They were bound over to the Grand Jury after preliminary hearing by Justice Mrs. Charles Schaal.

Local authorities accuse the two of being involved in the burglary of at least one of a number of Brookings homes, which have been robbed during the past few weeks.

Gilmore is charged with being an accessory to the burglary, and Alt is charged with burglary.

NOTICE

Eastern Star, Masons and families pot-luck picnic, Azalea Park, 2 p. m. Sunday, August 1st.

New Business Building Planned

Plans for a new business building in downtown Brookings were announced this week by LeRoy Weideman and Homer Kessler.

The two have purchased property adjoining the present U. S. National Bank site, and plan the construction of a business building there.

Two businesses are already planned for the location. Phillip's Clothing Store will move into the larger part of the building, and Pete Lesmeister's Insurance and Real Estate Agency will occupy the remainder.



REGION NEEDS BETTER ACCESS CARSON SAYS

Joseph K. Carson, Democratic candidate for Governor, told a Brookings group Thursday that better transportation is vital to the development of Southwest Oregon and that it must come soon.

Carson lunched here at the Chetco Inn, with a small group. He said that he was not making a campaign trip, but had come solely because of an invitation he had received to speak at the Azalea Festival, which he had had to decline. And, he said, he never missed an opportunity to get into Curry County.

Mr. Carson's remarks on transportation came after members of the group had told of this community's efforts to get better highway transportation, and to develop a port here.

Speaking from his experience on the National Maritime Commission, Carson said that cheap water transportation was a 'must' to develop this area.

When asked how other states had handled the problem of developing seaports, Carson said that a common method was to form a State Ports Commission, whose function it is to build and develop seaports.

The Ex-Mayor of Portland declined to say, though, whether he thought that plan would work for Oregon. He would need, he said, more time to study the problems involved before committing himself.

Carson inspected the site of Brookings' proposed deep-sea port, and talked with lumbermen here who would be potential shippers.

The democratic candidate also jabbed at Administration power policies, saying that no one knew just what the "compact" being set up consisted of, but that it would obviously add confusion and expense to the development of power in the state.

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Progress Made On Improving City Streets

There were, this week, a series of developments concerning Brookings' dusty and bumpy streets, and the developments promised some relief for the future.

Firs, the Brookings City Council, meeting in irregular session, have arranged for the State Highway Department to pave two blocks on Spruce Street.

The Department will pave the two blocks with a regular highway mix used by the State. Cost to the city will be \$1.00 per running foot for a strip 20 feet wide, which is to be born by abutting property owners.

The council decided, however, not to comply with a request from property owners on Oak street to pave a portion of the street, until more adequate financing arrangements can be made.

Second development was notification to city attorney Ed Ackley that the State Highway Department will transfer title to land abutting Chetco Avenue from Oak to Easy Street, to the city, so that sidewalks may be built along that section. Notification followed earlier negotiations between the Highway Department and the council.

Third development was notification that the state will put Fern Street, a section of Pacific Avenue, and Azalea Park Road into first-class shape, then transfer title to state's share in those streets to the County, with the understanding that full title shall go to the city. The streets are part of the County road system at present, although maintenance has been done by the state.

State crews arrived this week to begin paving the section of Fern Avenue in front of the City Hall.

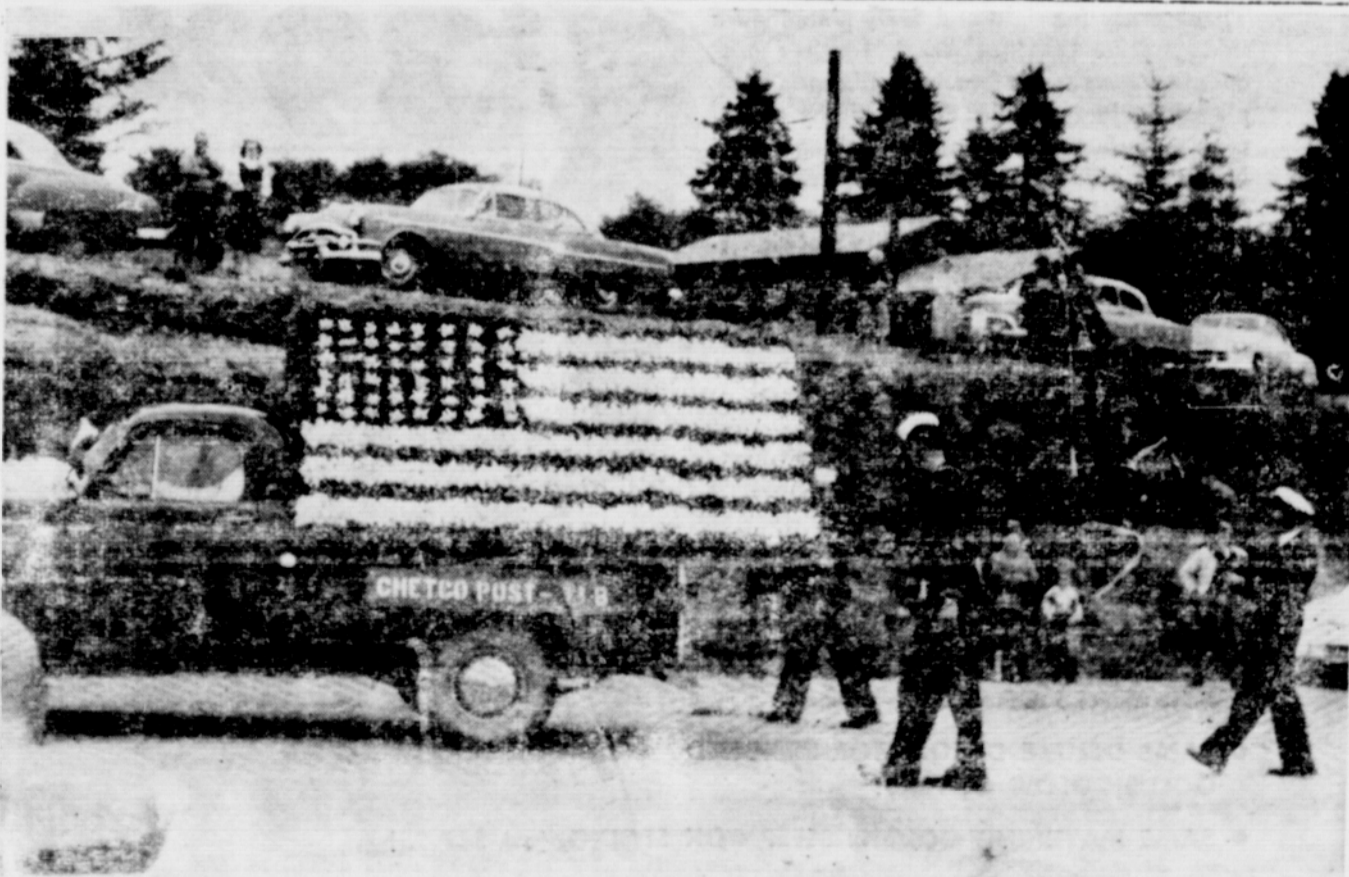
Charter To Be Voted Upon

Brookings voters will go to the polls Wednesday, August 11, to decide whether to approve a new Charter for the city.

The new document was approved by the City Council at a regular meeting some time ago, and referred to the people for their approval.

The new Charter was compiled by a citizen's group, from a sample document submitted by the League of Oregon Cities and City Attorney Ed Ackley. Text of the document is on pages six and seven.

Brookings operates at the present time under a blanket Charter for the state. Greatest effect of the new Charter will be to make bond issues floated by the city for improvements marketable.



This float, depicting the American flag, was the last community service performed by Lew Morgan, before his death. Built by Lew and Bill Haxson, the float was taken by Commander Morgan to the American Legion Convention at Coos Bay, where Lew died.

—Maudie Litch