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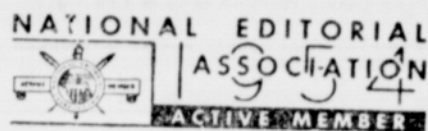
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The Growth of our Churches

In the general growth of building in Brookings, there has been a force in effect which will have, we believe, more effect upon this city than any other single factor.

We refer to the growth and the building of Churches in this area. It was not too long ago that there were only two church buildings which qualified for that name in the city. And there were few more congregations.

This week, the Presbyterians broke ground for a \$75,000 church plant in the city. And while they were doing it, the arches which will form the vaulted roof of the Episcopal Church were being put into place.

In recent months, we have seen the erection of the Assembly of God Church and the Brookings Bible Church.

In this growth, it is important that the congregations of the City have Churches of which they can be proud and which will serve the functions they must perform.

But the most important aspect is that they show the tremendous and vital growth of the religious bodies of this city. The construction of new churches has been dictated by the growth of their congregations.

And it shows, too, the stable quality of Brookings' growth. A city is but the reflection of its homes and its churches. And the quality of our growth is well-shown in the growth of our churches.

A Potent Campaign Issue

Joe Carson, the Democratic candidate for Governor, hit upon a tender spot when he commented on the lack of transportation available to this portion of the State of Oregon, while visiting here Thursday.

Mr. Carson is an astute politician, and there is no doubt that he is correct in regarding transportation as our number one problem.

Whether Mr. Carson could deliver the two projects which we require, a highway east and a harbor, is, of course, highly questionable. But Curry County, strangled by her mountains and by the state Highway Department's lack of interest in a Cheteo highway, is certainly apt to turn a receptive ear to anyone who promises help in breaking her bonds.

Memorial for Lew Morgan

When Lew Morgan died so unexpectedly last week, he left one wonderful memorial here. Lew had been a life time member of the Amrican Legion, and he had worked long and avidly to reactivate the local post, which had been dead.

When Lew went to Coos Bay, he went to tell them that there was, once again, an active Post here. Lew made it so, practically singlehanded, and its continued existences will reflect the work he did. It's just the kind of memorial he would want.

THE CITY CHARTER

Most of the cities of Oregon have adopted charters. The reason for this is that, generally speaking, a charter provides for a greater degree of home rule than is granted under state statutes. Under a charter a city is granted advantages in its local government. It brings the management of a city more completely, efficiently and expeditiously under the control of the people who live in the city. The continuing operation of most of the cities of Oregon under their respective charters must be accepted as proof that the above is substantially correct.

The City Council, about a year ago, initiated proceedings to propose a Charter to Brookings. The Council directed me, as its attorney, to prepare the draft of a Charter for Brookings. I prepared this draft and submitted it to

the League of Oregon Cities. This is an organization composed of the cities of Oregon, operating in the mutual benefit of the cities of this State. The League returned my draft with certain changes and recommendations, which, in its opinion would result to our advantage.

The Council then appointed a Charter Committee composed of citizens of Brookings. This committee is as follows:

C. Ed Dempsey, chairman; Archie Hendricks; Glen Rogers; Rev. Hugh Bronson; Lillian Weideman; Fred Moore; W. W. Chadwick; Paul Davis; Mrs. Morris Corderman; Estes Morton; Arthur Knox; Frank Tygart; Merle Bullock; Ken Osborne and William Phelps.

The draft of the charter, the recommendations of the League; sample copies of the charters of

other cities and other information was then turned over to the Charter Committee.

The committee gave its serious consideration to the Charter for several months. As the result of its deliberations it made certain recommendations. In line with the decision of the committee I prepared the draft of a Charter and submitted the same to the Committee. The Committee adopted this draft, approved it, and recommended to the Council that it be proposed to the people of Brookings for adoption.

The charter, so approved by the committee, was submitted to the legal devisions of the League which, in turn, approved the charter as to its legality.

This charter, identical as approved by the Committee and the League, was then presented to the Council for its consideration. The Council approved the same without change and ordered that the Charter be proposed to the electors of Brookings at a special election to be held in the city or August 11th, 1954.

The Charter, identical in all respects, so approved, adopted and recommended by the Charter Committee, the League of Oregon Cities and the Council of Brookings is printed in this issue of the Pilot. This Charter is the result of calm, careful and serious consideration of many people. It is their unanimous recommendation that this Charter be adopted

by the people of Brookings at the special election on August 11th, 1954.

This is a factual report to the people of Brookings, made for the purpose of fully informing the electors of this City as to how and why this Charter is now being submitted to them for their

Respectfully submitted,
Ed F. Ackley,
City Attorney of Brookings.

VISIT HIBBARDS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cypert of Porterville, Calif., were guests at the Web Hibbard home last week. The Cyperts are old friends of the late A. E. Sandbo, and had such good luck fishing here last year that they came this year to fish again.

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