

On the Reef
By BILL PHELPS

This is something of a farewell column. Not to Curry County we hope, but to this corner of the paper. And that will probably be a great relief to more people than you can possibly name.

It won't to me, though. At home, I do all the listening. And it has been a great deal of pleasure to be able to use this corner to express myself with no one around to talk back . . . until the next day.

It would seem that there would be a lot of things you can say in your final column . . . but right now we can't think of it.

And anyway, farewell speeches are always a little pointless. We're hoping that we'll still be around town . . . so now we'll do our spouting verbally instead of in writing.

We wandered into town from a trek into the hills Tuesday, and ran into the juiciest story we've handled in years. Seems a local woman had gotten her throat cut, and all the roads out of town were blocked.

Before we got the murder under control, though, we found she'd really been stabbed in the back, shot, beat to death, and that she wasn't a woman but a man. Finally we asked the people blocking the road in search of his (or her) killer, and found they were there to ask out of state tourists for data on their vacation in Oregon. That broke us forever of going to the source to get our news. Here we had a nice sensational murder, and they went and spoiled it!

As far as that goes, we can pick up a couple of good ones any day we walk down the street. Pop Reed was in to tell us he'd heard that he was going to close his dining room, and he'd like to find out where it started, since he hadn't known it . . . in fact, it sounds like he's going to expand it. Awfully hard on a Hotel owner, he says, when they forget to tell him what he's going to do.

And finally, with our last paragraph, there are a couple of things we'd like to say about this town we live in. We have our faults. We're a small town and we have petty jealousies and cliques, and all the things that make up human life when people get to know each other as well as they do in small towns, but this town is favored by as grand a group of citizens, on the whole, as ever existed. With our faults, there is no finer place to live in existence. And, as Brookings and Harbor flourish, it will become even finer. Who could want to live anywhere else?

South Coast Buys Timber

South Coast Lumber Company of Brookings was the successful bidder for six and one half million feet of Forest Service timber on Wheeler creek, at a sale held Tuesday in Grants Pass.

South Coast bid \$19.00 per thousand for the timber, plus sixty cents for reseedling and thirty cents for burning. The Forest Service appraisal on the timber was \$6.40 per thousand.

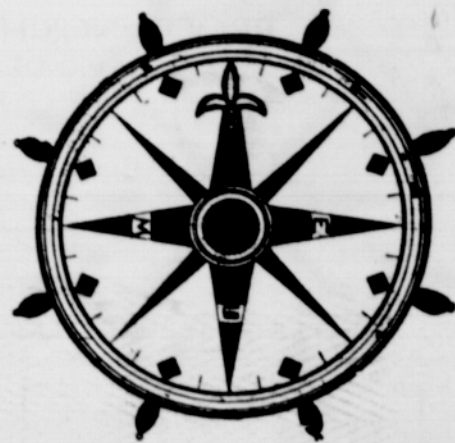
The Brookings firm won over five other participants, and their bid was the highest of 53 offered.

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Thursday, August 5, 1954

State Air Official Visits Local Airport



Earl Snyder, Secretary of the State Board of Aeronautics, and Mrs. Snyder are greeted at Crissey State-Line Municipal Airport by W. L. Crissey, owner of the land on which the airport is built. Snyder was here to inspect the local air-port and to discuss hangar construction there with local flyers. It was the maiden voyage for the Piper Cub in the background. The legs in the rear belong to one of two Snyder children. (Maudie Luick Photo)

Prominent Man Killed By Loader

Arthur L. Gibbs was instantly killed Sunday morning at eleven when the loader which he was operating toppled over onto him as it went over a steep embankment on the beach.

Mr. Gibbs, owner and operator of Gibbs Concrete Products was moving some logs at the beach for a friend on the Alvin Woodruff property when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Gibbs who had come for the weekend and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wagner, friends of Grants Pass were present. What caused the accident was not determined.

Mrs. Mary L. Killian, book-keeper for both the plant here and the one in Grants Pass which Mrs. Gibbs manages, announced that the business would go right on as Mr. Gibbs had planned. The business was operating three years in Grants Pass when Mr. Gibbs came to Brookings to start the plant here.

The body was taken by the Roeder Funeral Home, Crescent City, where it was shipped to Grants Pass. Services will be held there Saturday at two o'clock, with the Hull and Hull Funeral Home in charge.

The complete obituary will be published in next weeks issue.

Olcott Cummins, composing foreman, Del Norte Tripartite, was a Brookings visitor Monday.

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Three Boys Confess Robberies; Judge Gives Conditional Parole

The robbery of a number of Brookings residences appeared to be cleared last week, with the arrest and confession of three Brookings juveniles.

The boys were arrested Thursday by Police Chief Bud Cross, after a thorough and quiet investigation by Police Chief Bud Cross gathered evidence for two weeks, before picking up the boys and confronting them with it.

Earlier, two adults had been arrested for complicity in at least part of the burglaries. They are awaiting trial.

At a hearing in Brookings Saturday, Juvenile Judge Guy Forsyth sentenced the three boys to spend the time until their 21st birthday in MacLaren School for Boys, Woodburn, but suspended the sentence on a number of conditions, with violation of any one of them bringing the sentence into effect.

Most important of the conditions was the writing of a ten thousand word thesis on "Society Governed by Law".

The essay is to be completed by November 1, 1955, and the boys are to be examined by a panel of responsible men on the papers. Oral examination, as well as the paper, must be approved by a majority of the panel before the project is completed.

The examining board will consist of the County School Superintendent, the District Attorney, the Juvenile Judge, the Sheriff and one lawyer selected by the boy.

Also stipulated is that the boys must go to responsible citizens for guidance on the papers, and

must keep a bibliography of their sources.

Other conditions of the suspended sentence were:

1. The juveniles are paroled to their parents.
2. They must obey all laws, and observe the curfew.
3. During vacations, they must not associate with each other (necessary association during school will be tolerated.)
4. They must abstain from the use of intoxicating alcohol.
5. They must get good grades.
6. They must report to Police Chief Bud Cross monthly.
7. Parents must pay for the stolen articles and damage.

Both Judge Forsyth and District Attorney Hall emphasized that the conditions must be met to the letter, and any variance would cause resumption of the sentence at Woodburn. The boys must, they said, show extensive work and thought on the project before they will have fulfilled the conditions.

YOUTH SENTENCED TO WOODBURN

A sixteen year old Brookings boy was sentenced to MacLaren School for boys until he is 21, for assaulting a girl with criminal intent.

The boy was sentenced Saturday after pleading guilty to the charge before Juvenile Judge Guy Forsyth.

Miss Karen Ritchey is spending the week in Ukiah, California, with relatives. She will return soon.

Charter Vote To Be Held This Wednesday

Brookings voters will decide this Wednesday whether to adopt a new Charter for the city.

The special election will be held from eight to eight, Wednesday, August 11, at the City Hall. Those eligible to vote are registered voters, according to Recorder Gladys Kanick.

The Charter which the voters will approve or disapprove will signify the assumption of self-ruling provisions by the City of Brookings. Until now, the City has operated under the general laws of the state of Oregon.

The most important result of the adoption of such a charter will be to make the City's bonds negotiable. Until a Charter is approved, the city will find it difficult to market bonds needed to finance long-term improvements.

The Charter to be voted upon is one formulated by a local group of citizens, under the chairmanship of C. Ed Dempsey. It was based upon a model charter submitted by the league of Oregon Cities, and the final version has been inspected by that body for legality.

Paving Crews Work Over City Streets

Some of the streets of Brookings were taking on a new look this week, and the effect was wonderful.

The portion of Fern street which fronts the City Hall was paved by State Highway Department oiling crews, removing one of the most infamous of downtown spring-breakers.

Also being repaired were sections of Chetco Avenue and Pacific avenue.

The same crew also laid two blocks of asphalt emulsion paving on Spruce street, as a test section for the city to observe. The paving, a commonly used highway mix, was done for the city at a cost of \$1.60 per running foot, with the city collecting fifty cents per front foot from each abutting land holder.

Meanwhile, Asphaltic concrete paving of Hillside Avenue was being carried out, with completion expected soon.

MEETS AT CLIFF HOUSE

Rotary met at the Cliff House for Tuesday's luncheon. Mr. Watson, proprietor was presented with a small birthday cake with one candle in remembrance of his day Sunday.

NOTICE
Members of Church of Christ (Christian Church) interested in a new church in Brookings, please contact Dexter Williams, % Crest Motel. 3t