

PIPE DREAMS
BY JOE MURPHY

A new column, and a new heading and a new writer. The title of this column might confuse some people, but only those that haven't as yet met me. So, if anybody sees a pipe walking down the street followed by a man, please stop and shake hands—chances are good that it'll be me.

Naturally, the first column should carry a little about the reactions of the writer to the new community. However, I'm going to save that for later—mainly because there is so much to say.

Our first thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Manley, who graciously moved everything from a life raft sail extension to a pile of drift wood to give us temporary housing in Brookings. All that and tea too.

We attended our first council meeting in Brookings Tuesday night and saw the gauntlet of emotions from anger to laughter. It was, to put it conservatively, an interesting meeting.

Does anybody need a sled? Very likely not, but although I had heard of Brookings mild climate I couldn't convince my wife to throw my daughter's new sled away, before moving out from Wisconsin. Oh well, I'll file it—maybe it'll really snow here this year.

Our many thanks too, for the help of the previous occupant of this column, Bill Phelps. It will be difficult filing his space.

Rites Are Said For 'Pop' Dimmick; Brookings Resident

Orville Ellis "Pop" Dimmick, 70, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his son, Lester.

Mr. Dimmick was born April 28, 1884, in Ellensburg, Washington. He was in the contracting business with his son, here.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with services in the Baptist Community church. Burial was in the Ward Memorial cemetery, with Rev. Walter Sadler officiating.

Mr. Dimmick was a deacon of the Baptist Community church, a member of the barbershoppers, and until his retirement he was in the contracting business with his son, Roy.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hullin, Chico, Calif., four sons, George, Orrick, Calif.; and Robert, Leslie, and Roy all of Brookings. Also surviving is a sister, Lucy Crane, Santa Rosa, Calif., a brother, James D. Dimmick, Vallejo, Calif., eleven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

LEONARD ELECTED

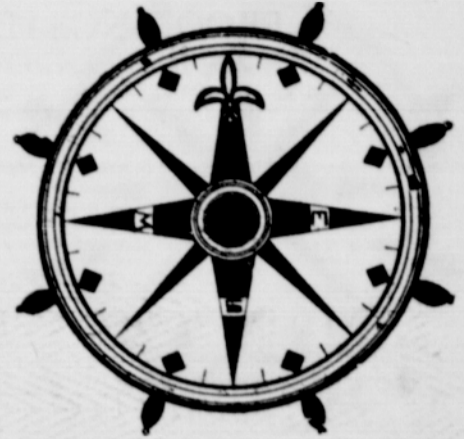
C. O. Leonard is now Commander of the American Legion, replacing Lew Morgan who passed away a few weeks ago. For any information, contact C. O. Leonard Real Estate.

TEACHERS NEED HOUSING

Housing seems to short for teachers as well as many other people. Anyone wishing teachers in apartments or houses please contact the Clerk of the school board, Mrs. H. S. Beaulieu.

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Brookings Adopts Charter

By an overwhelming majority of almost 4 to 1 Brookings voters Wednesday adopted a new Charter for the city.

The special election brought only a light vote of 94 yes, and 28 no votes for a total of 122, out of a possible total of over 600 voters. However the majority was convincing.

The City of Brookings will now operate under self ruling provisions, whereas they had operated under the general laws of the state of Oregon.

The most important result of the change, which goes into effect today (Thursday), is that the city bonds will now be negotiable, to finance long term loans if necessary.

The charter voted in was formulated by a local group of citizens under the chairmanship of C. Ed Dempsey.

TRAVEL WRITERS MAKE TOUR OF BROOKINGS AREA

Three newspaper writers from other sections of the country became acquainted with the wonders of Brookings Monday. The three, Allison Sanders, Houston, Texas; Fred Araft, Long Beach; and Mrs. Dorothy Powers, Spokane, were entertained at a luncheon at the Cliff house.

The group are making a tour of the state, accompanied by the state highway department.

Host at the luncheon was Lafe Compton, president of the Oregon Coast Association, and Pete Lesmeister, vice-president for Curry county.

At the luncheon W. L. Crissey, told the writers a little about Brookings and its climate. Mrs. Leslie Woodriff, of the Fairyland Begonia and Lily gardens showed the writers a group of flowers raised by them in their gardens.

Following the luncheon the group made a tour of the Brookings area, visiting Azalea Park, the Crissey gardens, and Harris, state park.

VFW To Meet Here In October

The semi-annual meeting of District 7, VFW, and Ladies Auxiliary, will be held here October 17th. The district comprises units in Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Medford, Camp White, Ashland, and Brookings, with a membership of over 2500. Popularity of a trip to the coast from the valley is expected to bring a large crowd with several state and out-of-state visitors usually attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wersch, Clackamas, Ore. expected this weekend at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Samuels.

COUNCIL HEARS COMPLAINT ON CITY ORDINANCE

Discussion of the Green River ordinance was the main item of interest at the regular August meeting of the Brookings council Tuesday night. For nearly an hour and a half the controversy on the issue raged with some degree of bitterness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moulton appeared before the council asking repeal of what they called a "discriminatory ordinance". Mrs. Moulton had appeared before the council last month to ask a change in the ordinance which had prevented her from selling door to door here, although she is a resident of the community. Last week she was jailed on violation of the ordinance.

After considerable discussion the council suggested that Moultons secure an initiative petition, which would place the abolishment of the ordinance on a referendum ballot. About 69 names would be required on the petition.

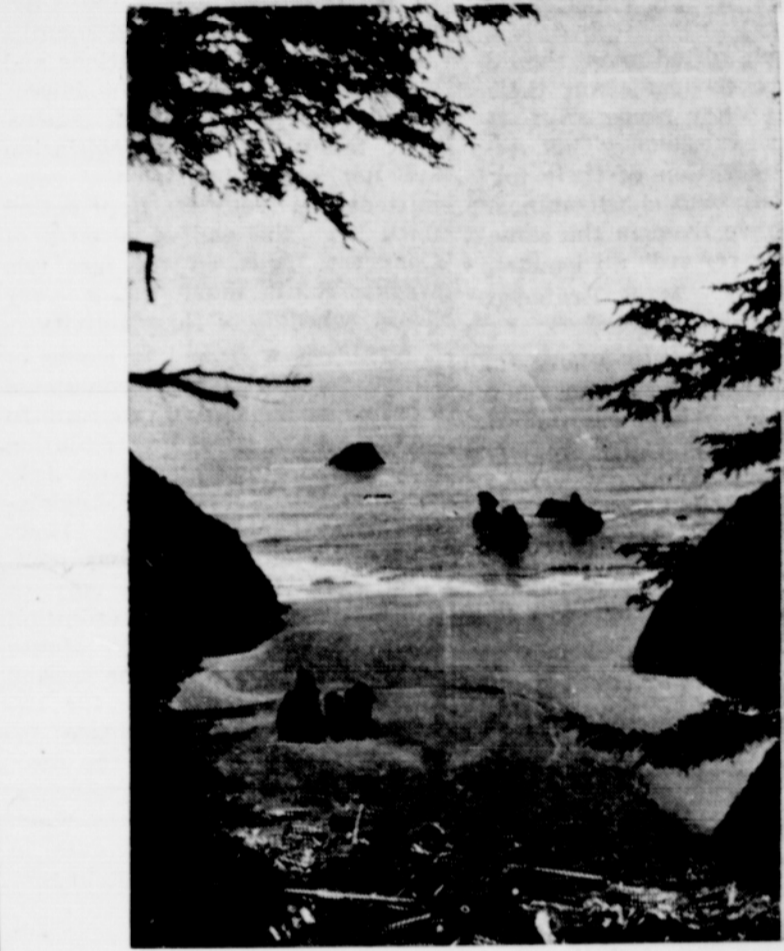
Also the council heard Leo Lucas, of the ambulance association, offer the community ambulance to the city. Lucas said that the ambulance is tied up now, and couldn't be operated because there is no money in the association to pay insurance on the vehicle. A good many past due bills have put the association behind, Lucas said.

The council was advised by city attorney Ed Ackley that they couldn't legally operate the ambulance outside the city. However the council suggested to Lucas that the association should borrow money needed, about \$300, to put the ambulance immediately in service, and then contact the Chamber of Commerce and other service clubs who to see if they would be interested in assuring order that the community would have an ambulance service.

Lou Loring told the city that according to a survey he has taken, the city hall is on his property by some eight inches. However, the city engineer disputed the claim, and the city said that several other engineers would have to be employed by the party interested in suing the city on a claim.

Neil Nelson, fire chief, asked the city for permission to burn weeds, and have a fire drill. He also said that too many people had been following the fire truck, and asked that corrective measures be take.

Bids were opened for the city's oil and gas, and the Richfield station was awarded the contract. Ackley told the council about



Tells of Paul De Block Ranch Site; Along Proposed New Highway 101

This article is being written in two installments by Minna Akers, Publisher of the Pilot, after visiting the De Block Ranch.

All the Oregon coastline is beautiful, some parts excel others in grandeur. Curry county is blessed by having close to one hundred miles of coastal terrain. The new proposed state highway will follow the rugged coast line making it a most scenic drive.

The Paul De Block ranch, bounded on the north by Thomas Creek, about five miles south, of Arch Creek is only one of these beauty spots. The De Blocks are happy to see progress being made toward securing a better coast highway. Standing on the point above the mouth of Thomas creek, Mrs. De Block in her quaint accent said, "This is where I used to come often with a book and a blanket. The wild huckleberry makes a very comfortable chair, when a blanket is thrown over a bush. Then you let yourself down into it. But I read very little for looking".

This last remark is understandable for the beauty from this spot is unsurpassed. The deep wooded ravine to the right which will be spanned by a thousand

the tax base law, and asked they consider setting up a tax base for the city. Mayor Bob Dimmick agreed to appoint a special citizens committee to study the proposed base.

foot bridge when the highway is built, the sand dunes to the left and ocean extending out as far as one can see with Cape Sebastian visible to the north. The rocks in the foreground to the right as seen in the picture above have been named by the De Blocks as: Roosevelt and Queen Victoria. The resemblance is remarkable. The picture was taken in line with Thomas creek and does not do the name sakes justice. On this point by parking ferns and Azalea still in bloom we were able to find the remains of the Coast Guard dugout and lookout used during the war.

The unselfishness of the De Blocks is registered in these remarks, "We have sold the strip along the Pacific to the State Highway Department so that everyone may enjoy the beauty. It was not made for us alone to see".

Phelps Honored By Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps were honored by a dinner party Friday, August 6, at the Cliff House. Mr. Phelps has been editor of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot for the past year.

About 22 members of the Pilot staff and their friends were present at the affair. Roy Weideman, and Mrs. Phelps entertained with organ music, while Paul Davis acted as an impromptu master of ceremonies.

More next week.