

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor,
Brookings Harbor Pilot.

The City Council has directed me to prepare and offer this statement to you for publication.

On June 17th, 1952 the City Council passed Ordinance No. 22. This is what is known as the Green River ordinance. The ordinance seeks to regulate solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of

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merchandise within the city limits. It tries to prevent the house to house sale of merchandise, the ringing of door bells by peddlers, and the inconvenience of home owners who thereby would be forced to listen to sales talks of the said solicitors, peddlers, hawkers and itinerant merchants and transients.

In the case of Phillips vs Bend (the City of Bend, Oregon) set forth in volume 192 on page 143 of its reports, the Supreme Court of this State held, in effect, that a city of this state could validly adopt an ordinance such as Ordinance No. 22 of Brookings.

If this ordinance had not been adopted, or if it is repealed, any solicitor, peddler, itinerant or transient could ring the door bell or knock on the door of any home owner in Brookings at any hour of the day or night. Any home owner of Brookings who answered such ring or knock would be confronted by some stranger who was trying to sell you something.

The home owner could answer "No" and shut the door but too often these peddlers etc. get their foot in the door and argue with and try to high pressure the home owner into buying something.

There have been many instances, in other cities, when these strangers have come to some house for other purposes than to sell goods.

The present Council did not pass this ordinance. It has been in effect for more than two years. It was passed for the purpose of protecting the home owners of Brookings from a swarm of peddlers etc. who would have flocked into the city if such an ordinance had not been adopted. It

CORRECTION

Miss La Von Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Wagner, Roseburg, became the bride of John C. Thiems, Sunday August 15, at 2:30 p. m. at the beautifully appointed new home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Swearingen. Rev. Shelton of the Smith River Methodist Church read the double ring ceremony before the decorated fireplace. Tall white baskets of salmon colored gladoli graced each side of the altar. Miss Mary Montgomery was bridesmaid and Leslie Thiems of Salem was his brothers best man.

was not adopted to prevent any person from engaging in business, of stopping or preventing any legitimate business from being conducted, or to grant any special favor to any business being conducted, in the City of Brookings.

If the people of Brookings do not want this Ordinance No. 22 they do not have to accept it. Our initiative and referendum provides a quick and easy method by which it may be repealed. All that is necessary to have on election on this ordinance is to circulate a petition calling for an election and getting approximately 70 names of electors signed on the petition.

If a majority of those voting at the election vote for repeal, the ordinance is immediately repealed. If a majority of such voters desire all city control to be removed from these peddlers, etc. all that is necessary is that they vote for it. The people of Brookings control their city government and they can get the kind of city government they desire.

The Council is of the opinion that this matter is of the city wide importance and if Ordinance No. 22 is to be repealed it should be done by the vote of the people.

The Council here makes no argument for or against the Green River ordinance. The Council believes that the decision in this matter should be made by the people of Brookings providing they desire to make a decision at this time.

August 20, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Robert Dimmick.

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LOCALS

Jim Yelton traveled to Portland for two days this week to do some buying for his store here.

Charles Doane, and his son Charles Jr. were in Brookings Tuesday. Mr. Doane is the candidate for Curry County Judge.

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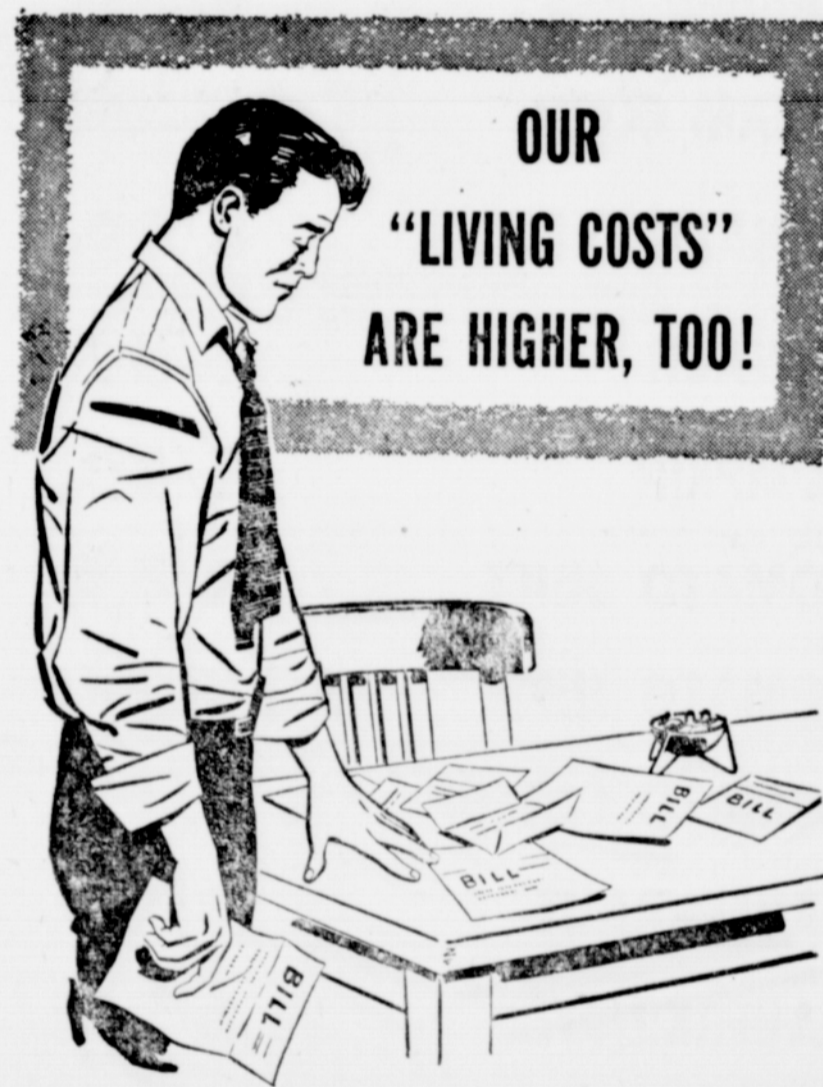
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