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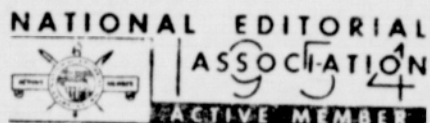
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No Mister Touchdown In Brookings

Fall is here and footballs, and the spirit of football fills the air. But in other communities—not here. Brookings is missing something very definitely by not fielding a football team in the high school program here. It makes us a little sad to think that these high school youngsters are deprived of one of the most satisfying experiences of their youth, that of either participating in, or cheering for the home team. It may be too, that we've got an All-American prospect in town, but how can we ever know.

How many of us have sat in the locker room, listening to the coach tell us how to win, and then backing that up with a little lecture on what it does take to win the game? Such things as determination, intestinal fortitude, co-ordination, training, timing, quick thinking, and more important—team work.

We recall with fondness even the days that we spent on the bench waiting anxiously for the coach to admit that all was lost, and it was now time to send the third string in.

But apart from the players themselves, does anybody else gain from football? We think so. The other students gain in school spirit, and in a cooperating sense. They enjoy the games, and the after games dances, and the Monday morning re-hashing.

And the townspeople—what are they missing now? How about the proud fathers that send their sons out to the football battles, and then patch up their bruises affectionately the next day. How about the 1,000 or 2,000 fans that a community of this size could draw to a good cause. They all get more than a little pleasure out of being a part of a highly partisan crowd, intent on seeing Brookings-Harbor mop up on those uncouth rascals from out of town. Community spirit is at stake, and where else can such spirit be better shown than on the fields of sport.

Other comparable schools field teams. Schools such as Bandon, or Reedsport do, and their enrollment certainly isn't any greater than Brookings.

The problems facing the installation of a team are threefold. None of which are insurmountable.

1. Financial: It takes money—a good deal of money—to equip a team with uniforms, and practice gear. At least the initial expense is high in such an undertaking. It takes money to set up an adequate coaching staff, along with bleachers etc. About all the current school funds are being allocated to the most elementary business of schools, that is, teaching our youngsters.

2. Scheduling: Brookings is slightly isolated, and it is extremely difficult to line up games with opponents of equal potential in order to make the contests interesting.

3. Community Backing: What guarantee does the school have that if it did set up a football program, that the townspeople would support it?

For each of these three obstacles an answer is ready, if the people are willing to make their wishes known. It may take some effort.

1. Financial: It has been proposed that the service clubs help, by advancing money to buy the uniforms, with repayment to come out of gate proceeds. It is another possibility that season tickets could be purchased in advance, in order to insure the team of financial support. Without popular support anyway such a proposal should not even be attempted. If the public in Brookings-Harbor want to see football badly enough they will be more than willing to pay for the privilege.

2. Scheduling: Difficult under the circumstance, but not impossible. It is done in basketball. What about such communities as Reedsport, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Cave Junction and perhaps larger communities such as Crescent City, Coquille, and Coos Bay? It is unlikely at this time to align into a conference, because of the great distances involved, but on the

other hand the distances shouldn't necessarily preclude our ever fielding a team.

3. Community Backing: This seems to be the easiest question to answer, because it is our feelings that Brookings needs, and wants a high school football team. We could be wrong, and if we are we want to know.

This has probably all been hashed over many times before, and undoubtedly a lot of thought has been given to it. We know that school authorities have contemplated the idea many times.

The point of our argument is, however, if Brookings wants football next year they should make their feelings known, and the groundwork should be laid now.

Letters To The Editor—

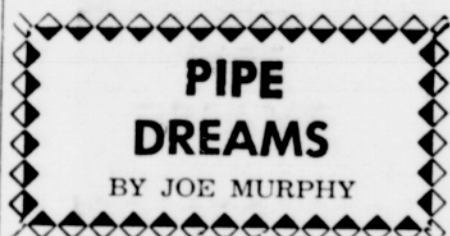
One of the most interesting parts of a newspaper is the "Letters to the Editor" section. It is of the most important parts of the paper too, because it is the one place in Brookings that a person can get "up on a stump" and say what he thinks. We sincerely welcome letters for that reason—and feel that we would have a dull paper without them.

For those reasons we feel that a letter to the editor column is a good thing, and a necessary thing.

However, we are setting up a policy on those letters. Otherwise people are going to take advantage of us, and write book length letters expecting us to print them in their entirety. Others may write in every week proposing the same argument. And still another may write something that would be libelous or defamatory.

We obviously can't allow this, if only in fairness to our readers, and in fairness to others would like to have their news printed. A letter that takes us two hours to set up, takes two hours in time and space away from some other news.

Therefore we are asking that writers limit their letters to 500 words or less; that they check them over carefully to insure that there is nothing libelous in them; and that no more than two letters be sent regarding the same argument.



Bowling season opened in the men's leagues last night, much to the satisfaction of the many keglers in the Brookings area, and much to the sorrow of the wives, who are now relegated to sitting home alone knitting.

Our team got away to a fast start, and are certainly a group to be reckoned with. What a powerful aggregation. Comprised of Bud McCourt, Harry Phillips, Don Vaughan, my partner Bud, and myself we won the first series of games. Of course we were lucky that the pin boys are on our side too.

At the meeting afterwards Bud McCourt got elected president of the league, so we should be able to make up our own rules. Maybe we can win a game or two that way. And then there was Homer Haggerty, who nominated himself a vice president, so he wouldn't have to serve as secretary.

Last week the Western Auto store opened here with a big fanfare, and this week Dunning Motors is going to open. I'm curious to see what will be opening next week. The boys on the north side must feel like the community thataway is really growing. There is some talk about naming that section "North Gate", or something similar. There are plenty of choice rumors floating around about another proposed business place out there too, but

nothing can be confirmed as yet. In fact we'll be prepared to give you all the straight dope just as soon as they start putting in the front windows.

We were a little surprised about the action taken by the state in saying "No!" to the application sent in by the county for funds to pave a part of the North Bank road. However, they still will go along with a general improveing of the road, but feel that the logging traffic is too heavy to pave it at this time. What the heck, loggers like to drive on paved roads too. I still have the feeling that the highway department thinks that we are part of California, and they can't understand why we don't ask that highway department for help.

The Legion post here is going all out to have a salmon derby this year. Surprising that somebody didn't try it before, as there certainly are salmon in the river as well as in baskets along side the altar, the derby will tend to make the fishing a little more interesting, if that's possible, and will make the public a bit more conscious of Brookings and Harbor.

If this derby works out, then next year the businessmen should get behind it, and volunteer prizes that would really make fishing here attractive. It's done all up and down the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen, parents of Mrs. Ray Pisarek left Wednesday after a two week stay in Brookings. The Larsens are returning to their home in Milwaukee, Wis. They enjoyed their stay here very much, and plan on returning again soon.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH
By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

ONLY the blind or deaf could possibly be unaware of the full-bloom crusade going on today against the so-called comic books. And as is customary in most crusades, there is always the danger that the crusader becomes so intent in wielding the broom that he overlooks the mud on his own boots.

I have no quarrel with those fighting the comics, particularly those which tend to disturb unready young minds with violence of crime and ugliness of sex. My point of difference is with those who protest vehemently at the front door where all can witness and then when the crowd has dispersed, sneak in the back door to partake.

In other words, while we are cleaning out the harmful comics from the children's corner, why not give a little time to examining the magazine racks where the adults do their buying. Take a glance at some of the magazine names at the same time noting the art work and the titles of articles dangled as bait before the potential purchaser. Believe me, I would be somewhat hesitant about criticising available reading material for youngsters so long as they can plainly see the tripe that is peddled to and consumed by their elders.

Also, I would hesitate to defend by stating that oldsters are mature enough not to be affected. We had a neighbor lady years ago who, when her husband was away for the evening, locked all the doors, pulled the curtains, and sat a trembling until his return. Why? Because she spent her days reading so many lurid sex and crime magazines that she had come to believe that nothing but sin existed beyond her door.

Some of the lack of faith evident in the modern marriage can possibly be traced to a regular diet of true confession magazines in which all men are scoundrels and all women wantons.

They say that a person can be judged by the company he keeps. It is probably equally truthful to say that the same is applicable to what he reads. With this in mind, it might be well for those of us who would set an example for youthful reading to examine our own reading habits.

A false crusader seldom does more than spread the stench.

BROOKINGS-HARBOR ENTRIES AT FAIR

Kenneth W. Priest, and Sylvia C. Lee, Curry County extension agents released a report on the Curry County entries in the state fair. These include 4-H exhibits, contests and demonstrations. Several Brookings and Harbor entries were exhibited at the fair.

4-H projects—exhibits: Jeanene Eikenberry, Harbor, and Marilyn Dykes, Brookings, both white Ice Box cookies. Forestry I, Glenna Giddings, Brookings.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wersch have moved to Brookings from Klackamas, Ore. They are busily remodeling the Wm. Jones home.

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