

**PIPE DREAMS**  
BY JOE MURPHY

Bud and I were down at the new Pilot building over the week end, trying to figure out what is going to go where and why. The building is shaping up quite nicely, and it won't be long before we're in there. We tried to lay out some plans for our office too, and it begins to look like I won't have room for a pool table, after all.

We were trying to talk Roy Weideman into putting in a sink beneath the basement stairs, and enclose it off so we can put in a dark room. Then after that all we'll need is a camera.

We would like to put a curved counter in the office, and we plan on building it ourselves. Bud says that it won't be any problem as he once helped a guy build a curved bar.

The groundwork is being laid for a gigantic "Move the Pilot Day," in Brookings. Hundreds of people have been pouring into the office volunteering their services for the big move, so they won't have to miss an issue of the paper. In the future all those who wish to help should please leave their name and address with Bud, as I won't be able to assist much personally. At that time I plan to have a quotidian spell of lassitude or debility, which should incapacitate me during the moving.

We attended the P. T. A. meeting last Thursday night, and enjoyed coffee, cake and the social gathering. The officers there would call off the name of the class, and then the parents of children in that class would stand and be counted. Only lady we saw stood right through the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, and then rose again at the eighth grade. To think I'll be in that category too!

Last Wednesday we got to take a gander at the huge new reservoir, which the Brookings Water Co. has just put into operation. It looks much more impressive than that old redwood tank. It is 382 feet above sea level, 50 to 300 feet wide, and 1200 feet long.

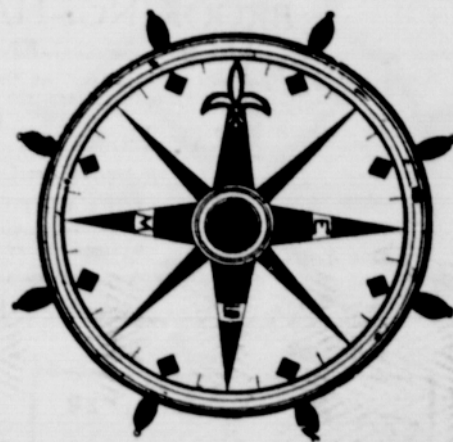
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THE NEW BROOKINGS WATER COMPANY RESERVOIR is pictured above, having been in operation most of the summer. The big reservoir was four years in construction, and holds 21,000,000 gallons of water. The deepest point in the reservoir is 35 feet, and it is 1200 feet long, and varies in width from 50 feet to 300 feet. It is 382 feet above sea level.

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## Propose \$28 Million Dam

### SEN. CORDON TO VISIT NEXT WEEK

Brookings people will have their first chance to talk to a U. S. Senator next week, when Senator Guy Cordon will be here on his campaign tour.

Senator Cordon will be in Brookings, Friday, Oct. 1, according to an announcement made by E. L. Morton, chairman of Republican group in Curry County, who is handling the arrangements for Cordon's visit.

Sen. Cordon will speak to the students at the Brookings-Harbor high school at 11:30 a. m. and then will speak at a public luncheon to be held at the Cliff House at 12:15.

It is believed that Sen. Cordon is the first U. S. Senator to ever stop in Brookings. He will be flying in to Crescent City, and will drive up from there to Brookings. After his Brookings stop, the senator will go north to Coos Bay.

Sen. Cordon is running on the Republican ticket against Richard Neuberger.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon, and tickets can be purchased in the following places: Hanscam's store, Harbor; Brookings Market; HiWay Market; Chad's Cafe; Knox Insurance Co.; and the National Bank.

### ARREST SOLICITORS

Chief of Police Bud Cross arrested three magazine solicitors this week, under the Green River ordinance. Each of the three, Sylvia Elton, Bob Heftner, and Joyce Eberlein posted a \$20 bond and were released.

### TAX BASE RAISE MAY BE VOTED ON

A measure to raise the city of Brookings tax base to \$29,250 will probably be on the ballot in the November election this year. A citizens committee recommended to the council that the base be raised to that figure.

The budget committee, consisting of Francis Arrell, Lynn Hampton, William Crissy, and Luther Tisdale met with councilmen, Clive Manley, C. F. Campbell, Warren Smith, and mayor Bob Dimmick Friday night to work on the tax base proposal.

According to state law the tax base must be voted on during a general election, and consequently, if the measure isn't on the ballot in November the city would have to wait until 1956 before the tax base could be raised.

The city operated under expenditures of \$58,870.12 this year, and the estimated budget for next year would be considerably higher than that because of the growth of the community. Preliminary estimates place the 1955-56 budget at closer to \$75,000. This would leave more funds for street repair, than allocated this year.

However, it was pointed out at the meeting, that the tax base doesn't have anything to do with the actual budget, but just means that the city can raise the necessary money by taxation if necessary.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that by the end of next year the fire truck could be paid for, and the parking meters amortized, allowing the city about \$7,500 more.

### COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FILES PLANS TO CONSTRUCT HUGE HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM NEAR AGNESS

A preliminary application for the construction of a proposed \$28,000,000 hydro-electric plant in the wilderness near Agness has been filed by the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. The development would serve the Brookings area.

The plant, according to a statement issued today by Ivan C. Laird, president of the Cooperative, would be constructed at the beg bend of the Illinois near Bald Mountain, approximately 11 miles southeast of Agness.

Tentative plans call for a 140,000 KW plant with an average output of 43,200 KW. A 100 foot high diversion dam upriver from the plant would divert a portion of the waters of the Illinois through a 3.9 mile tunnel 19 feet in diameter. This would provide a maximum gross static head of 432 feet.

The estimated cost of \$28,000,000 would include a two circuit 115 KV transmission line 21 miles to Gold Beach. Other plans may include a transmission line to Brookings eventually, according to word received here from one of the officials of the cooperative.

The plant site was selected by the firm of John S. Cotton Association of San Francisco after a survey of numerous coastal streams.

Laird said at present the Cooperative and the Coos Bay area use Columbia River power exclusively, except for costly steam power at North Bend. The Illinois River, being rain fed coastal stream has its greatest flow during the winter months when the Columbia River, being ice fed, is at its lowest productivity. Power from the plant would tend to firm up imported power, providing an excess of the Cooperative needs to be fed into the Northwest region during the winter months. During the spring and summer, when the Columbia flow is high and coastal streams low, the flow of power would be reversed.

The site was selected after serious considerations was given to fish and wildlife preservation. Formal objections to the proposal are expected on the grounds that any power use of streams is objectional to some. However, according to Laird, the Cooperative management believes that the facts when examined fairly will show that the project as planned produces the maximum public benefits with the minimum detriment to fish life.

The Cooperative directors, which includes Hans Nelson of Brookings, first became interest-

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### BREUER FILES FOR COUNCILMAN

Another name, Earl Breuer, was entered in the Brookings city election coming up in November for a council post. Breuer's petition was filed at the city recorder's office this week.

That brought the total of possible candidates for councilmen to four, with C. F. Campbell's petition already have been filed. Campbell is running to succeed himself. Others who have signified intentions of running for council include Gordon Olsen, and Gordon Goetz. However, petitions haven't been returned for either of those two.

Two positions are open on the council—Campbell's, and Warren Smiths.

Smith will be running for mayor, against Byron "Roy" Brimm, whose petitions were filed this Tuesday.

City recorder Gladys Kanick reported too that the deadline for registration of city voters will be on October 1. She said that many of those signing petitions weren't registered voters, and asked all those in doubt to check at her office to make sure.

To accommodate late registrations Mrs. Kanick will keep her city hall office open on September 30 in the evening, as well as October 1 in the evening. The office is also open each afternoon.

### LIONS SPONSOR "FLYING HIGH"

Bette Smith of Redpath Horner United Productions, Kansas City, Mo has arrived in Brookings to direct "Flying High", an all local talent comedy to be given Thursday September 30, and Friday, Oct. 1st at Brookings.

The play will be shown in the Brookings school auditorium on both nights. The production is being sponsored by the Lion's club.

The Lions club is putting on "Flying High" to raise funds for projects.

Talent is needed for the show. Miss Smith says that teen agers, babys, school children and all home talent is needed for the play, with all those interested asked to contact her at the Chetco Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Frasier are the proud parents of a boy born Sept. 22. Dr. Ronniger was in attendance.