

Grange Leader Talks Of Better Public Relations

William Howes, Oregon State Grange Overseer, stressed the need of better public relations between the farmer and consumer in his talk Saturday evening at the annual Booster Night Program of Chetco Grange at the Grange Hall in Harbor. Speaking in the place of the State Grange Master, Elmer McClure, who was unable to be present, Mr. Howes spoke on the aims and accomplishments of the Grange since it was founded in 1867. Where there was 85% of the population then on farms, there is only 13% of the population now that produces the food for the nation.

The program, which was put on by the Lecturer, Polly Clendenin, included beside Mr. Howes interesting talk, two quartets, the men being Berger Dahlstrom, Lloyd Gates, Bob Chambers and H. J. Weigel, and the ladies being Bernadine Steele, Bernice Swanson, Pearl Young and Lucille Patterson; a skit by Elsa Ravekes and Emma Chambers; a ballet number by Blossom Behee; and the Charter members present, Hulda Gardner, Benjamin Jones and Milton Foster and the Silver Star member Edith Ackley being honored.

Following the program, dancing

and refreshments were enjoyed by the large crowd present.

VFW AUXILIARY

The annual inspection of Curry County Auxiliary No. 966, VFW, by the District President, was conducted by that official, Mrs. Fred Lawrence of Medford last Wednesday evening. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Senior Vice-president of the Department of Oregon. Mrs. Harry Burch, Department Hospital Chairman for the southern part of the state, Mrs. Merrill Beneke, District Trustee, and Mrs. Lee Turner of Rogue River.

Short talks were given by the visitors and questions answered. They congratulated the Auxiliary on the excellent record it was making for itself this year and said that it was one of the most active in the district.

A social hour with refreshments was enjoyed following the meeting.

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Voters of Brookings:

We face a local as well as a state and national election on November 2.

This town was incorporated as the City of Brookings over three years ago. At that time there was not a nickle in the city treasury. There was no Police department, no municipal court, no jail, no City Hall, no zoning, no Planning Commission, no street department, no building department, no sanitation officer, no adequate fire department, no engineering department, no legal department, no Citizens Advisory Tax Committee. There was only a general lack of understanding of what could and could not be done in municipal matters under the Oregon statutes.

I wonder if our people realize what has been accomplished.

From that standing start and by long hours and hard work, Mayor Dimmick and the City Council, serving without pay, have developed an efficient city administration for such a young city: this was possible, however, only with the help of an able group of department heads who are now functioning as well as anyone could expect with the limited funds available.

The necessary fundamental work is by no means completed. Continuous development along sane lines is imperative for the good of every person in Brookings. But this must be accomplished with only such expenditures as we all can afford.

I have served on the city Council since the City of Brookings was incorporated. Some time ago, Dimmick and I freely and sincerely stated that we would not be candidates for re-election. He has adhered to that decision. I, however, consented to be a candidate for Mayor only after having been urged to do so by practically everyone connected with the City Administration as well as others.

I have acquired some experience in the many technicalities of city government. It is by no means an easy matter to be Mayor. Under the new charter he must appoint the department heads. There is no Civil Service here as in larger cities and therefore many matters come to the Mayor for necessary attention. With the remarkable growth which is taking place here, it is evident that we must conduct our affairs on a business basis.

I pledge myself to the following platform if elected Mayor:

1.) I believe the present administration should be continued because I am satisfied that each department head is doing a good job.

2.) I stand for a clean and well-regulated town but this does not mean over-regulation.

3.) I believe in adequate law enforcement which we are getting under Police Chief Bud Cross. There must be no let down in this department.

4.) Although the ultimate development of this town cannot be accomplished immediately we should create a definite pattern for the future and work toward it. This surely involves sewers and paving. The question of whether this work, should be done under a bond issue or by assessment under the Bancroft Act will need a lot of study. Whatever is the most equitable method should be adopted. Excessive assessment against any property must be avoided. I promise to advocate NOTHING which would create an unreasonable load on any property owner. The question of whether or not to pave center strips before construction of sewers must be settled after public hearings. The matter of sewage disposal plants will have to come up for consideration. I personally do not favor street improvement of curbs, sidewalks and curb to curb paving all at one time because of the heavy assessments involved. I favor paving center strips where justified. The result of such an effort would be a protest which would kill the plan entirely and we would be back where we are with nothing accomplished. I favor paving center strips where justified by existing development. This can be done very economically and satisfactorily if we provide for good shoulders and drainage.

5.) I think that, as far as possible, a cooperative spirit should be promoted among all the City merchants and otherwise.

6.) I believe that the parking meters are necessary but further attention should be given toward the prevention of too long a parking period in those locations where long parking interferes with business.

7.) I would favor the formation of a policy with a view toward ultimately acquiring and developing a City Park, probably the area above the Bank.

8.) I would favor a city-wide policy which would promote recreational facilities. I believe the citizens should make their desires known to the City Council more clearly than heretofore. Some want a Community Building; some, a swimming pool; many, a hospital. Any of these projects would require approval of the voters. I am merely advocating some long range planning to improve our city.

9.) I would continue the effort to hold the city tax budget to a reasonable figure while recognizing that the growth of the town must be provided for, at all times.

10.) I think urgent attention should be given toward opening one or two streets to connect Easy Street with Highway 101.

11.) I would like to see Brookings obtain within the City limits, every facility and service which is usually to be found in older towns, to the end that we cease to lean on the County or anyone else.

12.) I promise that ANY citizen will receive EQUAL consideration.

The choice for Mayor is simple: Purely as a community service I offer myself to the town as Mayor for a two-year period but if the people decide that they would prefer an inexperienced mayor and administration, that, of course, is their privilege. The welfare of Brookings is the only issue.

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