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**EDITORIAL ON EDITORIALS**

What makes a newspaper write editorials? Is it necessary? Why should a newspaper alone out of all businesses in a community stick their neck out on controversial issues of the day, and incur the wrath of the citizenry? Why should a newspaper jeopardize its business by taking a stand, or a side?

Many reasons are advanced for doing just that. We feel that one of the main reasons for having a community newspaper is above and beyond the mere printing of local news, and advertising messages. We feel that an editorial encourages people to think for themselves, and not just to digest material and accept it as fact. An editorial sets people to thinking if it is right or wrong, if they agree or disagree. Often it brings a more animate reaction, and brings the person charging down to the "printing office" to let them know they are all wet. This we like.

We're just humans down here too. We can make mistakes—and we often do. We don't propose to sit up here on a gold throne and tell the people of Brookings-Harbor what to do, and when to do it. We do some thinking, though, and then we're in a position to sit down at the typewriter and say what we think, so that you can read it, and think about it, and give us your reactions.

When we print an editorial we don't say *THIS SHOULD BE DONE*, rather we say, *WE THINK* this should be done. Its a big difference.

To us, a newspaper without local editorials is a dead paper, and lacks courage to say what they think. We certainly don't want to make enemies, but more important, we don't want to be classed in the spineless category either.

**IMPORTANT MEASURES ON BALLOT**

There are a lot of important measures on the ballot next week. It will take a lot of thought for people to wade through the two ballots, the city and the county, in order to insure that they are marking them in the right way.

Measures on the ballot call for such varied items as daylight saving time, repealing milk control law, and the establishing of a mental hospital near Portland. Each and everyone of these deserves some thought.

However, the most important thing to local people is on the city ballot. There a referendum vote calls for a new tax base to be established here.

There is no need to go into great detail on the tax base. It is almost sufficient to say that the proposed raise it has had very little opposition from any source, and it certainly is not being made an issue in the local election as far as we know.

Too, the proposed raise was recommended by a citizens committee consisting of Frenchy Arrell, Lynn Hampton, William Crissey, and Luther Tisdale.

The important thing to remember about the tax raise is that it doesn't necessarily mean that the additional amount will be budgeted, but rather it allows the city that opportunity. It is very necessary for the permission to raise be given this year, as the tax base can be raised only at a general election, which won't be held until 1956. This would mean that the city would be short of operating revenue until 1957, and a growing community such as Brookings can't afford to be in that position.

A vote for the raising of the tax base, we believe, is a vote towards the furthering the progress of Brookings.

**PIPE DREAMS**  
BY JOE MURPHY

All in all, last week wasn't spectacularly happy. Besides dropping two pages of type on the floor we committed the following atrocities. We changed the name of the U. S. National Bank to the First National. We changed the slogan of the state highway commission from "if you can't drive safely—you can't drive in Oregon", to "if you can't drive—you can't drive in Oregon", and we canged the attire at the Elks club dance from Blue Jeans accepted, to excepted. Other than that things went pretty smooth, though. Incidentally, we wish to thank heartily at this time, all of those good people that took the time and trouble to point out those little mistakes to us. Because you've got to be on your toes to catch us asleep at the switch.

Incidentally that highway department slogan that we made up is probably an improvement on the old one. It really eliminates a lot of people from the road.

Judge Hans Nelson is heading for Boise, Idaho this week to attend the regional meeting of the National Rural Electrical Coop. His main purpose will be to meet with some of the big government men and try to borrow \$15,000,000 to build the Coos-Curry dam. That's something I've always wanted to do—borrow \$15 million. Of course you've got to pay it back.

Judge Guy Forsyth was in Brookings Friday. We had a chance to sit down and thrash out some of the issues at stake in the county. Forsyth seems sincere, and seems to be a capable man. He was at one time a state policeman, and then operated a garage business in Gold Beach before running for office.

Coming into Brookings Tuesday morning at about 8 a. m., I saw the most dismal sight. There was a whole family, Mom, Pop and three little tykes, none older than seven hitch hiking. Understand they slept in the Brookings jail during the night on their way north.

We've established a hook-up with the Curry County Reporter for securing election returns next Tuesday night. So, if you like,

call us up Wednesday and find out who won, and maybe if you press us we'll tell you why, too.

With the election coming up this week, and with the sewer situation brewing at a rapid rate, it really kept us hopping here.

**NIGHT CLASSES TO BE FORMED**

Provided twenty-five (25) sign up, a night class in Commercial subjects will be taught for adults. The tuition fee will be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and if the class starts the fee is not to be refunded in case a member does not continue.

If twenty-five (25) do not sign up within a reasonable time, the class will not begin and all fees will be refunded. The class will run for eighteen (18) weeks, and will meet once a week for two hours per night from 7 to 9 p. m. The meeting night to be arranged later. The subjects to be covered are: Beginning and Advanced Typing and a review of Shorthand. There will be no Beginning Short-hand. Under graduate High School students will not be admitted.

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bridal shower was given in honor of Mary Montgomery by Mrs. Walter Hale of Harbor on Monday evening Oct. 18. A game was played and coffee and cake were served. Twenty six guests attended.

**UNDERGOES SURGERY**

Mrs. James Kerr underwent surgery at the Seaside hospital in Crescent City, and is doing nicely. Mr. Lee Fountain of Brookings went down as a blood donor.

**LIL PILOT**



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