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**Headaches In The Sewer**

Man, we've got sewer troubles in Brookings. The problem is unique in the state, and probably no situation like it could be found anywhere in the nation.

The facts are these: Elmer Bankus, and the Brookings Land and Townsite Co. purchased the existing sewers from the old California and Oregon Lumber Co. as a part of the whole parcel. That was many years ago, long before Brookings was a community of any consequence.

Since then Brookings has grown into quite a little settlement, and home owners have added their sewer connections to the existing system, either with or without Bankus' specific knowledge, either by signing away certain rights or not. In either case the confusion now has reached the impossible stage, and has reached a point where something drastic has to be done.

This is a case of a private individual maintaining a claim on a utility which normally would belong to the city. However it must be realized that the city only incorporated three years ago, and as such, is still in its toddling britches. Since incorporation to the present time arguments have raged on who owns the sewer system.

The city maintains, an opinion backed up by at least three attorneys, that the abutting property owners own the sewers, Bankus claims, on the other hand, that the Land and Townsite Co. owns them.

Well, where do we go from here. Is there any point in discussing it any more at a council meeting for example. Logically the two contestants in this fight are diametrically opposed. There doesn't appear that there is going to be any give and take in the matter, nor any compromise. It looks to us that the only possibly settlement will come through the courts. However, who is to sue whom, and on what grounds? Who is going to investigate the action, and in what court?

Only after the courts did decide would the real fun begin. If they decided in favor of Bankus, then the city should try to come to some settlement, after an appraisal by a neutral party, to buy the existing system at a just price, and then begin the ground work for a new municipal project.

The present sewer system is, of course, inadequate and covers only about one third of Brookings. Any new plan will have to include the whole district, and would have to include some type of disposal plant.

Even if the courts would decide against Bankus and the Land and Townsite Co. as the owner of the entire system they would realize that Bankus has real property value in the mainline, as it was purchased by him, and that much at least would have to be taken over by the city through negotiations.

There is no course of action, we believe, that would include just forgetting about the existing sewers and starting from scratch. This would cause unnecessary and undue hardship on the people who are already hooked to an existing line, and who may be content with it.

It's a mess, through nobody's fault in particular. We feel that Bankus would prefer to get out of the business under the right conditions. This whole situation has to be straightened out—and in the near future.

**SKETCH BOOK**

By BUD PISAREK



**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Scanning over the subscription list I find we have quite an array of names that suggest famous fictional or real live people. May be some of these are the real McCoy's, who knows? There's Osa Johnson of the famed African adventure team? We have a Dale Nichols, any relation to the Dale Nichols whose paintings are nationally famous? Davey Crockett, of Harbor, suggest a well known personality. There is an A. A. Soule which suggest a Korean city that gained some notoriety in the recent war. There are a few Crosbys and I would not be surprised if at least one of them is nick-named "BING".

Of course when you come right down to it, anyone listed on the PILOT subscription list is famous just for the fact they are on THE list. If some of you aren't included on this roll call of distinguished people—get busy and subscribe.

It seems like every team that bowls against the PILOT bowls over their heads. We've been losing games not because our players have fallen off but because the opponents hit their best games against us. Kerr Hardware took us in four games Monday night. It could have been worse though.

At least they didn't steal our stree shoes or tie our clothes in knots.

Note that the salmon derby winner last week was none other than J. C. Murphy. Two reasons will prevent Joe from mentioning anything about it, so I thought I might tell you readers about it. J. C. Murphy caught a 46 lb. salmon to win the weekly prize of a wonderful raincoat presented by Phillips Dad & Lad.

The two reasons why Joe would not mention the fact is: (1) he's too modest of course, and (2) There must be another J. C. masquerading, because OUR J. C. has been near the Chetco or the Salmon.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. Henry La Barge is in Portland this week.

Mrs. Ray Pisarek was hostess at a bridge club on Monday night. Mrs. Jack Holmes won high, and Mrs. Jean Colier won low.

Miss Gertrude Pisarek of Milwaukee, Wis., left Brookings Sunday night after a weeks vacation wither brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pisarek.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tribur had a baby girl on Saturday, Oct. 31.

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sort, does not tend to guide him him along a path of decent, wholesome living.

Thus, I believe the solution available to all groups interested in helping youth is that of putting forth the extra effort necessary to gain recognition for those who at the moment lack the personality traits required for acceptance. Every young person wants to belong and to feel that he is wanted. Those who already belong have it in their power to provide that satisfaction so sorely needed.

Mrs. Elizabeth White announces the engagement of her daughter, Vonna Elaine to Ernest Keith Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest U. Smith of Brookings. The wedding date has not been set.

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*Feeding Note*

Fertilizing should be discontinued on most plants until early spring. Such plants as lily-of-the-valley, rhubarb and asparagus, benefit from a layer of old, rotted manure, after they become dormant. Even while partially dormant, there is some root growth and storing of energy.

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