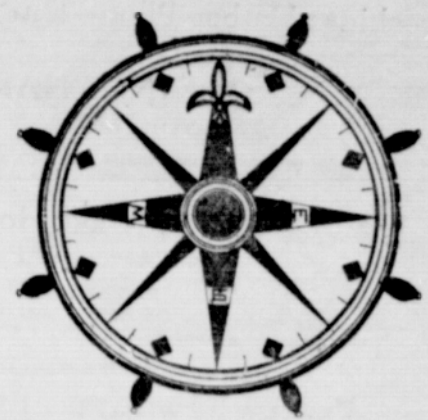


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SKETCH BOOK

By BUD PISAREK

News was flashed at Rotary dinner that Eureka, California, had an earthquake at noon Tuesday. It reminds me of the one I went through in Kyoto, Japan, some eight years ago. I was on the roof of an eight story building when it hit. The Japanese laborers working for me where happy as larks while I wondered what to do next while it only lasted a few moments it scared me plenty. I later found out the reason the natives of the island where joyous for the occasion. It seems Buddha is responsible for the earth shaking and they feel honored that he chose their locality to pay his visit. I'd'n stay way from my door.

I suppose the people who have looked at my blood shot eyes and my howling scree, wonder what gives. Well, getting out last weeks paper required that we work from early Thursday noon to Friday 8 a. m. And there were days when I pleaded with my folks so as I could stay up past midnight.

Al Mincer tells me his dad, living way out in Colorado, reads every issue of the paper (even the ads). I'd like to say hello to Mr. Mincer, and tell him we are taking good care of his little boy.

We didn't give Frenchy Arrell credit for the picture we had on the front page last week. I suppose we should have said, "Don't blame us".

The green insert in this weeks issue is to get you in the holiday spirit and remind you of the color of the money you once had.

This modern life is really something. Time had it when getting in the Yuletide log was a big event. I got mine the easy way. The local woodyard brought up another truck load of wood to last me many a chilly night.

There are many little things throughout the paper on a safe Christmas. Be' care, and think about them.

Merry Christmas to all the readers of this column. I'm sure for having the ordeal every week Santa will give you all something special. To you people that don't read the column—Merry Christmas too. It doesn't pay to hold a grudge.

SCHOOL RECESSES FOR VACATION

Students and teachers of the Brookings School system were glad to begin their annual Christmas vacation Wednesday evening, after a rush of last minute Christmas activities around the school.

Activities of the last week included a Girl's Trio, and Sextet presentation at the Rotary Club on Tuesday noon, and the Annual Girls' Chorus Concert on Tuesday evening. The concert, under the direction of Bob Dick, included Christmas songs from many lands.

Monday afternoon the 7th grade had their Christmas party, Tuesday afternoon the 8th grade held theirs. Wednesday morning, the Enchanted Forest was shown to the Grade pupils and to the high school; in the afternoon to the grades. Room parties were given by the individual grade school classes.

EXPLORERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Members of the Rod and Gun Club Explorer Post 32 elected officers at a recent meeting held at the Rod and Gun Club. Officers elected were David Bushnell, Crew Leader; Larry Hannan, assistant Crew Leader and Brian English, secretary.

Movies on Conservation were shown and enjoyed by all the members. Mr. Ragland and his assistant presented the movies.

Dorothy Thompson from the Bahama Islands is spending a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerr. She is attending North West College in Seattle, Washington.

QUAKE TREMORS ARE FELT HERE



The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through town
Not a merchant was stirring, not even Roy Brown

The stockings were hung by the parking meters with care,
In hopes that Bud Cross had a nickle to spare

The shoppers were nestled all snug in their beds,
With visions of bargains danced in their heads,

An Joe with his pipe, and Bud with his brush
Had just settled down after the holiday rush

When out on the street there arose such a clatter
Ackley sprang from his desk to see what was the matter

Away to the window Ed flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the crest of beautiful Pacific sea
Cast a light on Chetco Ave., it seemed to me

When, what to my wandering eyes should appear,
But the city council shedding a tear,

With a little old driver, so lively and trim,
I knew in a moment it must be Roy Brimm.

More rapid than eagles his council they came,
And he whistled, and shouted and called them by names:

"Now, Manley! now, Lesmeister! now Breuer! and Campbell
On Clive! on, Pete! on, Earl and Fell!"

To the top of the stairs, to the top of the city hall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

So they met in the Brookings council room,
As everyone asked "why all the gloom?"

"Let's figure out what to do!"
"And lets ask Bob Dimmick too!"

And then in a twinkle, they heard on the street
The prancing and pawing of two tiny feet.

As they drew in their heads, and were turning around
Down Chetco Avenue, the Little Pilot came with a bound,

He was dressed all in newsprint, from his masthead to his foot,
And his clothes were all inky, and covered with soot,

A bundle of papers he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a paperboy just opening his sack.

His stories how they twinkled! His colums how merry!
His ads were like roses, his nose like a cherry.

His droll little type were drawn up like a bow,
And the ink on his chin was as white as the snow.

Let's ask him to do the job right, they said to each other,
He could do better than our own grandmother.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the pages, then turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up Main Street he rose.

He sprang to the post office, to Thompson gave a whistle,
And away the paper all flew, like the down on a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"The merchants have asked and I want to do it right,
'They wish to say Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

New Building in Brookings To Be Named Northgate

GIVE \$100 CHECK TO THE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America received a \$100 check for a Christmas present this week from Foster and Bolvi, the Richfield Oil dealers here.

Henry Kerr, expressed his appreciation for the gift on the behalf of the Boy Scouts. A fund raising drive for the Boy Scouts is planned for early next year.

Last Rites Said For Dave Gilmore

David B. Gilmore, a long time Brookings resident, died Friday in Grants Pass. He was buried Monday in Kirby, with just the family present for the rites.

Mr. Gilmore left Brookings just a few weeks ago to stay in a rest home in Grants Pass. He had lived in Brookings and this area for many years.

CAGERS TO PLAY ARCATA MONDAY

Coach Art Guthrie's Bruins get back in to the thick of the basketball battle, after nearly a week's rest, Wednesday evening the high school Bruins were to play Gold Beach at Gold Beach.

On Monday, December 27, the Bruins travel to Arcata. The first week end of the new year, January 6, the Bruins travel to Illinois Valley at Cave Junction; on Saturday, the 7th, Cave Junction returns the game at Brookings.

Curry County Student Cost Drops

Curry County is the only county in Oregon to show a reduction in cost per child for public school education, according to a bulletin from the Oregon Business and Tax Research group.

During the four year period covered by the study, 1948-49 through 1952-53, the assessed value of the taxable property within the county increased 57% while the number of children increased 101%, according to the county superintendent's records of enrollment.

Gold Beach Logger Killed By Limb

A Gold Beach logger, Warren Mayea, about 38, was killed by a falling limb Friday while working for the Maynard Logging Co., in the woods near Gold Beach. Mayea was well known in the Brookings area.

The widow, Sarah, was in labor with her second child at the time of the accident. The family lives near Gold Beach.

Elks To Hold New Years Dance

The Elks will hold their annual New Years Eve dance in their new building, according to Roy Brown, Roy Weideman, who is doing the construction work said it would be possible.

All members are urged to attend at least some time during the evening. The dance is for members only, but out of town guests are acceptable.

STATE COMMISSION FILES PROTEST OVER ILLINOIS DAM

Large sums of anadromous fish are presently produced in the Illinois River would be adversely affected by a hydroelectric project which the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. has proposed for that river.

This statement was made by the Oregon fish commission in a protest which has been filed with Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon. The fish commission requested that a preliminary permit for the Illinois project be denied.

The fish commission protest states that a suitable fishery over

One of Brookings newest buildings, constructed on the north edge of Brookings will be called the North Gate building, according to an official of the Brookings Building Co.

The building with the good weather break is coming along nicely, and several of the occupants have hopes of getting in by the first of the year.

Modernistic in appearance the plans call for planter boxes in front underneath an elaborate marquee. A rose colored paint has been put on the building front, and glass is being installed soon.

Rentals for the three retail outlets, and three office spots in the huge building are nearly completed, according to the official for the group.

Art Knox Insurance Co. will have a spot in the corner of the building, and a sign has already been hung. A bakery and coffee shop is designated to move into the second spot, and partitions are now being put up.

In the third place a dry goods store will go in, although it isn't possible at this time to name the firm, as no actual lease has been signed.

In the fourth spot along the highway Carl Yahr's Brookings Feed and Seed store will be located. That firm expects to move in before the first of the year, and final work is now being done on that building.

On the side there will be an attorneys office, and one other office spot, probably a real estate office, according to real.

Nativity Scene Set For Thursday

"The Inn at Bethlehem", a full evening Nativity play will be given Thursday, December 23rd, at 8:00 p. m. at the Baptist Community Church by the high school young people.

This is a request repeat performance for those who would like to see it again, and for those who were unable to see it Sunday night.

Christmas music, including songs by the Junior Choir, accompany the story. Colorful costumes by Mrs. Claude Goldizen against a Bethlehem setting by Mrs. Charley Rausch help the cast experience the sanctity and beauty of that Holy Night so long ago.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Hampton. There is no admission charge for the play.

Former Eugene Editor Buys Reedsport Paper

William A. Tugman has resigned as editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, and has purchased the Port Umpqua Courier at Reedsport.

Tugman was a recent speaker in Brookings, at the Chamber of Commerce first winter meeting. At that time he was a visitor to the Pilot office, and expressed an interest in buying a small town newspaper.

Tugman was associated with the Eugene paper for 27 years.

Pat Hermann, Gene Weeks, Margie Freeman have returned home from the University of Oregon to spend the holidays with their parents.

At least a half dozen Brookings people reported feeling slight tremors of the big earthquake that rocked Humboldt county, California Tuesday noon.

More than two million dollars damages were estimated in Humboldt county and Eureka as a result to the quake, with at least fifty injured as result of the quake.

Locally people reported lamps and light fixtures swinging, but only one place reported actual damage.

Roy Brimm's Acacia Laundromat had a dozen or so cracks in the wall and plaster as a result of the quake.

Les Dimmick traveled to Eureka Tuesday afternoon, and reported much damage and confusion. His brother, George, has a store in Orick.

The estimated damage in the liquor department alone will be over \$1000 to \$1500.

One spot in Eureka, Henderson Center, reported damages over \$100,000.

Windows were broken in great numbers, and many store fronts were badly damaged in the city, causing some stores and other buildings to be closed to the public.

Both Eureka radio stations went off the air just before 12 noon as the quake hit.

The public there was asked to conserve water, because the quake disrupted a main water line.

The shock lasted for more than two minutes.

Install Officers For Masons Lodge

At a Stated Communication of Sidney Croft Lodge No. 206, recently the following officers were elected and appointed, and installed for 1955.

William L. Campbell, W. M.; Harold A. Jochens, Sr. War.; Roy M. Molino, Jr. War.; Ira A. Darst, Treasurer; Sam J. Gott, Secretary; Fred A. Blunt, Sr. Dea.; Chas. W. Ames, Jr. Dea.; Chas. W. Spence, Sr. St.; John Peffley, Jr. St.; Chas. Christianson, Chap.; Chas. Bickner, Mar. Norton S. LaBroeck, Tyler.

Rotary Club Plans Ladies Night

The Rotary Club will have their annual ladies night party on Monday, Dec. 27 at the Cliff House. The dinner will begin at 7:30 p. m. A program is being planned.

Tuesday noon at their regular meeting the Rotary Club was entertained by a girls' trio, and Sextett directed by Bob Dick.

The girls were Marlene Olson, Jo Ann Darger, Kay Nichols, all Juniors, and Kay O'Holleran, Jo Ann Tyler, Joan Pettigrew, Billie June Lostroff, Dorothy Rowley, and Sherill McClain, all seniors. The accompanist was Sally Swanson.

To Hold Firemen's Dance On Christmas

The Brookings Volunteer firemen are holding their annual Christmas night Firemen's dance at the Chetco Inn and Grange Hall, on Saturday, Dec. 25.

A lunch will be served by the Altar Society, and tickets can be purchased from any of the firemen.

GEM CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

An election of officers for the Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral Club was held last Thursday.

Elected were Ed Cardwell, president, Art Ballinger, vice-president, Claude Goldizen, secretary-treasurer, and Mary Yocom, librarian.

LIONS HAVE PARTY

The Lion's Club held their annual Christmas party Saturday night at the Chetco Inn. Gifts were exchanged following a dinner meeting, and dancing was held.

Plan Christmas Party For ODD Fellows

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and their families will hold their annual Christmas party Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, at the I. O. O. F. hall at 8 p. m. All members of the order are invited to bring their family and attend.