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A New Administration Takes Over

On January 1st, a new administration will be taking charge of the city government in Brookings. It won't be completely new at that, with several holdovers such as Clive Manley, Pete Lesmeister, and Fell Campbell on the council to hold a steady influence.

However much of the leadership in a system of mayor and council such as this is vested in the mayor, Roy Brimm, Brimm realizes the responsibility, and we believe that is half the battle.

The new mayor is sincere in his belief, and should be able to affect some changes during his tenure of office. He knows what problems face him, and the council. He knows that the sewer problem must be settled, one way or another and soon. He knows that the street situation in Brookings need attention, and he has heard plenty of argument for buying the water system from the Brookings Water Company.

But these three problems could be classed as secondary to the main responsibility—that of keeping the city functioning in a sound financial condition, and in a business like manner. Only after that is taken care of, can attention be given to other matters. It may not be easy, either, losing key personnel in the city government and then expect to hang out the "business as usual" sign.

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Clifford P. Rowe

One who writes a weekly column such as this is always somewhat hesitant about divulging matters which will be of interest to his readers or not before acting.

I have been debating such a decision ever since my name was placed in nomination way back in August for the office of mayor of Forest Grove. While some of my campaigning experiences were definitely educational, I decided against writing of them as I felt it would give me an unfair advantage over my opponent who had no such media for expression of his views.

Then when the election was over and I found myself the successful candidate, I again had the desire to proclaim to the world my political victory. Certainly such a wish is normal. But with Neuberger and Green monopolizing the post-election headlines, I restrained myself with the admonition that after all the office of mayor was small pumpkins as compared to state and national offices.

Nevertheless, I am proud of the honor which has been given me by the people with whom I live. In city elections, such as ours, a candidate is not elected by support of a party. Those with whom he daily rubs elbows measure him for what they know him to be and then cast their ballots. Thus while the office may be comparatively minor, the resulting honor is the greater.

Little did I dream, when I first came to Forest Grove as a college freshman thirty years ago, with fifty dollars in my pocket to finance a college education, that some day I would hold the highest office which the city could bestow. But while I may not have been able to predict the future, I did know, as do all young people in this democracy of ours, that such an achievement was not an impossibility.

It is this knowledge, possessed

Report New Books At Brookings Library

The Library Board is grateful to Mrs. George Funk for a donation of several volumes of modern fiction which have been placed in circulation along with the following few purchases: Pearl Buck's new *My Several Worlds*; Gann's *Soldier of Fortune*; and Martin's *Home in the Bear's Domain*, together with these new juveniles, *Crooked Colt*, by Anderson, and *Henry's, Brightey*. There are several more books on order but not yet arrived.

The Library will not be open Friday, next, the last day of the year.

At long last, the outside doors of the new Library have been hung allowing Ben Jones to install the electric heaters and connect other wiring. Finishing the interior can now go ahead providing men and women get the notion it would be a nice thing to do for their community.

Right Around Here

There have been some excellent catches of steelhead taken near the Chetco and Winchuck recently, the best fishing having been reported in the upper reaches of both streams.

The Payne family had their Christmas dinner and get-together in the VFW Hall, Sunday, with over forty sitting down to eat. This annual Christmas party at the hall has been a Payne reunion for several years, now.

About thirty members of the Masonic order attended St. John's Day services at the Assembly of God church, last Sunday evening. Rev. Spencer was assisted by three visiting theological students from Jamaica, rounding out a very impressive devotional meeting.

By all, which continually strengthens the democratic fiber of this great nation and at the same time, seems to be the efforts of those who would seek to replace the state above the sacred rights of the individual man.

SKETCH BOOK

By BUD PISAREK

Mr. Matthews, the mayor of Winchuck, and he tells me of putting in the second crop of pineapple as soon as the third crop of bananas is harvested. He claims the weather "south" has been the mildest in years. Now I don't know just how to take that but one thing I know for sure and that is, back home in Burlington, Wisconsin, they have the annual liars club meeting where they award the first prize to the gent that can tell the biggest tale. I'm all for starting a drive to get enough money together to send the "mayor" back there with some of his Winchuck propaganda.

Dunning Motors sure looked pretty with all those colorful paintings on their showroom windows. Gave an extra touch of the holiday season along the highway. Mr. George Dunning should feel mighty proud of his first year's venture as the mace of Brookings. Lets all encourage him to keep it a traditional event. You can help by taking time to stop out at the showrooms and letting the people out there know you enjoyed the splash of color.

Bud McCourt was telling me he planned on traveling across the state line to see the Harlem Globetrotters play an exhibition of basketball. I've seen the spectacle several times back east and really enjoyed the show, wouldn't it be nice after we get our new gym, for some service club to sponsor such a show? How about the Lions? They are a group of athletic looking boys.

I hope Old St. Nick was as good to you people as he was over at our house. We got all we could wish for and now Bill Thompson tells me the post office is still swamped with packages. You wouldn't suppose there is one more in there for you?

Happy New Year to you all

LETTER TO EDITOR

Attention Office Cat:
Brookings, Oregon,
December 22, 1954;

Dear Kit:

Haven't seen your name in the paper for quite some time, but am assuming you are still an important member of the Pilot staff, so take my typewriter in hand to bring to your attention a problem which needs your concentration and an immediate solution. It is my sincere hope that you can interest your superiors in submitting an editorial to the paper, which will bring the matter to the attention of the parties most concerned.

The problem is this: There are entirely too many "excitable" and sometimes "obnoxious" members of the canine family being allowed to roam at will through our fair city.

You have no doubt been advised by now that one of our well known families lost their pet loved out recently, in an unfortunate incident involving a dog and his sadistic snaffly companion. Just this morning a small group of dogs were discovered running against and trying to overturn a neighbor's rabbit hutch; had they sensed that the outcome would have been terrific indeed since rabbits are without any defense whatsoever. Not too long ago the same neighbor lost his chicken to dogs. The chickens are penned, but the dogs race around the pen and frighten the chicks until they fly out.

It so happens that I love all animals, and while you as a cat may not agree with me, I know for a fact that dogs can be trained to refrain from chasing cats and chickens. It takes a lot of patience and sometimes the hardest side of a board, but it can be done. Also, they can be trained to stay at home.

To date I have no personal cause for complaint other than trampled or torn-up flowers and garden plants. I am merely trying to take a stitch in time and avoid nine, and I can think of no one who has a more personal interest in the matter than you, since as a cat you might at any time be subject to the persecution of dogs.

The thirty four grandchildren of Mrs. Lily Myers, their parents, and a few more relatives, had their Christmas dinner party in the Rod and Gun clubhouse. Lily having made up her mind, at last, that there were just too many to wad into her trailer-house.

"Shorty" Lawrence, knew for years, he had a bum ticker, and last Friday it finally quit on him, right now, as "Shorty" knew it would some day. "Shorty", (who's name was William O., but few knew it) was a good little guy, even from the time he was known, during the First World War as the lowest man in the American Expeditionary Forces, topping out at four feet, ten and

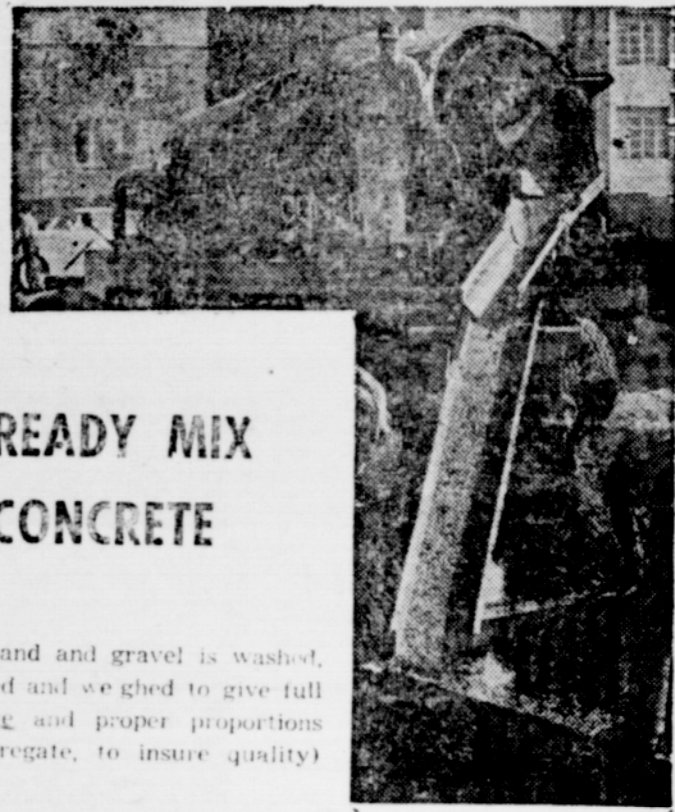
a half. He had made his home at Carpenterville, for many years, and many's the story of his giving many a man, woman, and child a helping hand and the neighbors always figured "Shorty" in on the nice things, when they could.

"Shorty" was a longtime member of the local VFW post, a few numbers of which attended the burial at Gold Beach, Tuesday.

Jim Wimmer has done a lot of work in the kitchen at the VFW Hall, installing cupboards, sink and work area on what used to be the back wall, and has half a dozen by three foot service bar completed. Painters could be used any old time now.

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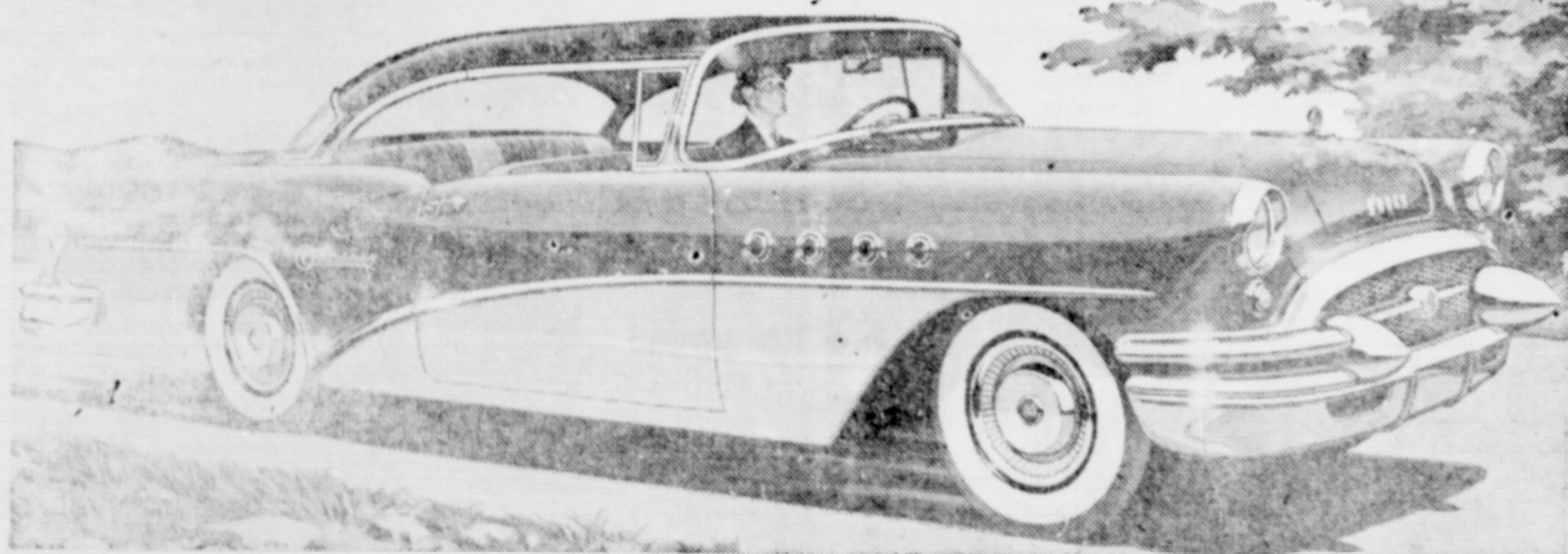
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