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Let's Not Have Any Split in Brookings

We had a feeling the other day that Brookings isn't the same town we came into six months ago. Not only has it grown by leaps and bounds, with new buildings going up as fast as concrete block men and carpenters could work—but the community has lost something in route. We hope it is only a temporary loss.

There is a definite feeling of a split, between the growth on the North edge of Brookings, and the "downtown" section. That we don't want to see. Sure, you can understand the feelings of the downtown merchants. Naturally, they would like to see all the business houses situated right down town where it would be easily accessible to all the patrons. But it just isn't possible. A town must grow—and it must grow in the direction that building sites—along with parking is available.

The point is, as we see it, is it going to make any difference to the consumer? Is he going to hesitate to buy just because a store is located a few blocks out of the downtown area? Time will tell on that score. The retail buildings are there, and retail outlets will either fill them up or not, and the businesses will either succeed or not. But why have a community split into two factions? Those merchants on the North end of town don't deserve to be called "outlanders" or "furriners," or "Yankers from North Brookings." They live in Brookings too, and will contribute in making Brookings a better place to live.

The SKETCHBOOK



by **Bud Pisarek**

As of Sunday about 4 p.m. I joined the retired basketball players group. That game was definitely made for the younger set.

We played two games for some benefit cause. The next game should be played for my benefit. I've never been so crippled up in my life.

These physical bruises will put me out of action on the bowling lanes also. One of my toes bent the wrong way and some big Ply-wood player came bounding down on it. The poor thing is as red as a beet with some beautiful shades of purple. I should wear open toe shoes to show off the terrific colors.

I had the opportunity to attend a crab feed the other night. Man, that sure is good eating. It was the first time I had the opportunity to get in on a feast like that. Back east they have a smaller crab and they taste a little different. This was the first time I encountered the west coast crab. Joe said he had them in service.

The attendance at the last P.T.A. wasn't too great. I imagine the people didn't realize who the speaker was. It reminds me of the story of a towns local school board going for a weeks vacation to some summer cottage. The sign above their little cabin hideaway read, "BORED of Education." I hope that isn't the case with so many of our school children's parents.

You stay at homes are going to be real surprised when the Brookings Art Academy puts on their first art exhibition. The class is progressing nicely.

The class is working in charcoal now. I set up the still life arrangement and always get kidded about my choice of subject matter and placement. This week I have a child's rubber doll hanging by its feet together with a few pieces of drift wood, fruit and drape material. It isn't as good as a real live model, but then what model would hang by her feet among a couple pieces of driftwood.

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Clifford P. Rowe

During the past few years I have taken some rather dirty digs at psychiatrists. My principal beef has been primarily concerned with the effect which their philosophy of child raising has had upon those addle-pated parents who rely upon a book to guide the development of their offspring.

While parents moaned to the high heavens about the scandalous goings-on of teenagers whom they conveniently labeled "juvenile delinquents," they, themselves in the incubators of their book controlled homes were hatching some little demons who when they grew up promised to make the modern juvenile delinquent look like a Sunday School teacher at a dope peddler's convention.

Accepting the theory that the little darlings must never be crossed, must never be reprimanded, must always have their own little ways, some homes and schools became lunatic asylums where oldsters, frothing at the mouth, muttered sweet romances to little hellions who were thus encouraged not only to take the house apart but their parents as well.

But now at last a gleam of light has pierced this darkness. Another psychiatrist, and a prominent one too, has passed the word along to parents that unless they want their children to grow up into frustrated misfits, they had better stop the sweet talk and get the old hairbrush out of the mothballs.

I don't know whether this revolutionary psychiatrist has just become aware of which side of the couch his bed is battered on or not. But I do know that his voice is welcomed as a savior of generations yet to come.

CAPITAL PARADE

The presiding officers of both branches of the present legislature have done a magical job of coordinating the talents and temperaments of the members.

It takes leadership and many other exceptional qualities to get a legislative session going as it should. This legislature has these attributes in President of the Senate Elmo E. Smith and Speaker of the House Edward A. Geary.

It should not be difficult for either of these men to advance politically if they choose to do so.

To visitors in the galleries on the third week, the pace of the session may have seemed slower. This happens when committee members get the grip of things and adjourn early to get on the job in committee rooms, leaving the legislative halls almost deserted. That's when visitors say, "What do these fellows do?"

GOVERNOR SMITH 1957

If Gov. Patterson should win the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator and beat Wayne Morse, (who has said he will seek the Democratic nomination) Senate President Smith would then become acting governor and in 1958 would be in the No. 1 position for election as governor.

This could be more than just toying with "ifs."

PUNDITS PANDEX

The State of Washington with 35 per cent more population than Oregon is faced with red ink figures of only \$40,000,000 while we have a \$60,000,000 shortage of funds. This amounts to \$16 per capita in Washington and a \$20 debt for each Oregonian.

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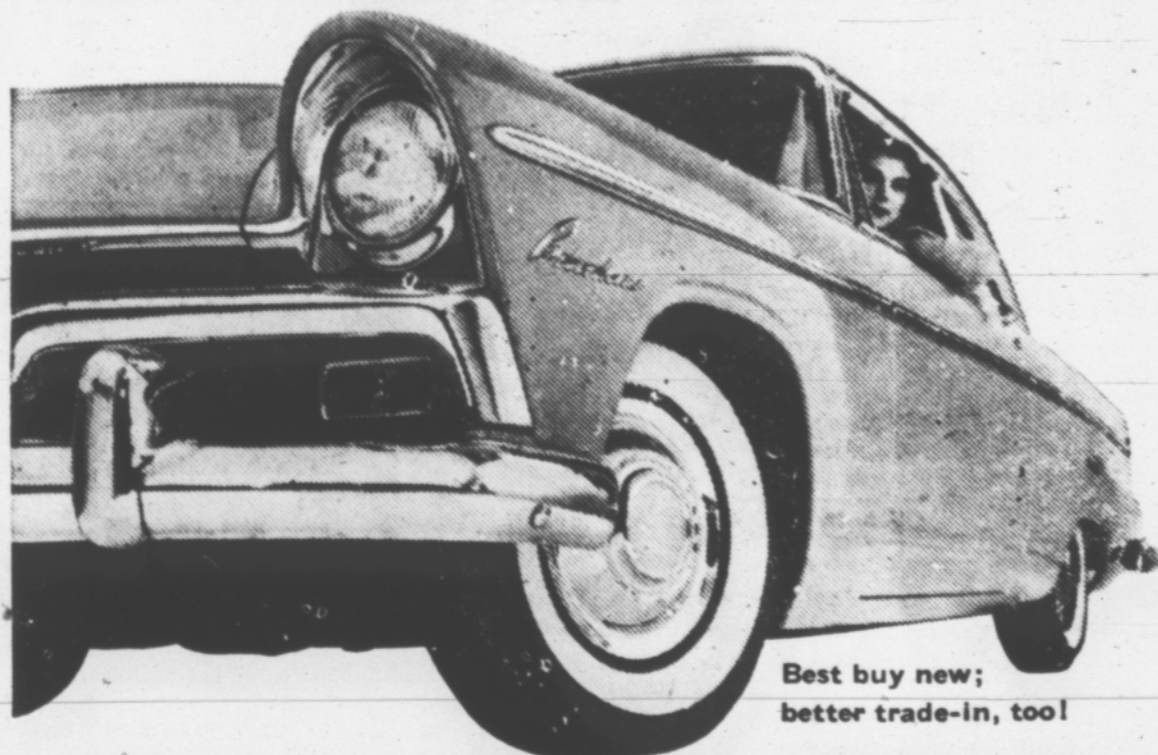
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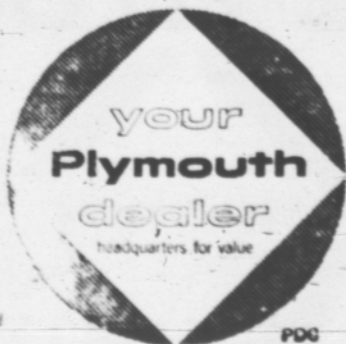
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LONG RANGE LAWMAKING

The report of the interim committee created by the 1953 legislature to study a revamping of Oregon's constitution is now in the form of a bill introduced by Sen. S. Eugene Allen. The bill provided that a Constitutional Convention would be held in July, 1959, and the voters of the state would vote on its adoption in 1961. There would be 86 delegates elected in 1958, one delegate for each 30,000 citizens.

Gov. Paul Patterson tried to get the 1953 legislature to legalize the Allen plan, which was similar to the Multnomah senator's present bill. The legislators' answer was an interim committee.

There is strong opposition to the Allen bill by those who term it an omnibus bill.

The opposition wants to improve the Constitution by adopting amendments.

SALARY STUDY REPORT

The presentation of a report on the comprehensive study of the classifications and salaries of 17,000 Oregon State employees will be made Friday to the Legislative Interim Committee on Compensation and Retirement.

The study has been under way since September by Barrington, Associates Inc. of New York.

The Interim Committee is expected to set with the Joint Ways and Means Committee Tuesday morning, February 8, to discuss the report.

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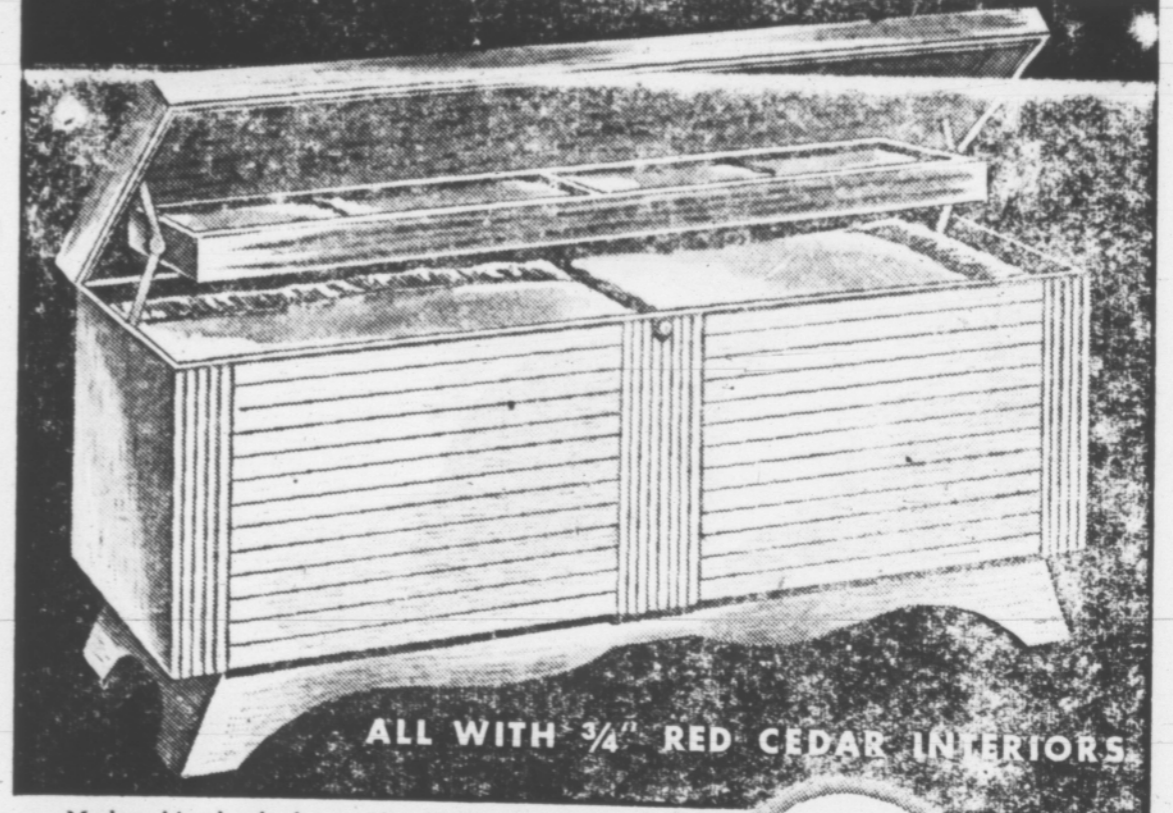
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