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by *Joe Murphy*

**Brookings Reports Unusual Weather
Receives Mention In U. P. Stories**

Any publicity of unusual weather conditions is of nation wide interest. When any section of our Country can boast of a good climate, when other sections are enduring blizzards, snow and ice and experience interrupted utility services and impaired traffic conditions, the story is of universal interest.

Over the air last Sunday, and since in the press we have heard and read about the plight of our neighbors in northern California and Southern Oregon. Snow, at places three feet in depth, covered the ground in these sections. Chains were mandatory for automobiles traveling in these areas over Highways 101 and 199. It was snowing and freezing in Eureka, Crescent City, Grants Pass and Medford. In the Brookings area, at this time, the sun was shining our fields were green and around us daffodils, roses and carnations were in bloom. Traffic was as usual.

We, who are privileged to live in Southern Curry County, reside in a wonderful area. It is said that familiarity breeds contempt. We should never be contemptuous of our blessings. We complain about our rainfall. There are places in the United States who would

give half of what they own if they could have our rainfall. We may smile as we boast of an unusual climate. But Los Angeles built itself up to the second city in the United States chiefly because it publicized its unusual climate.

These comments are occasioned by an incident which occurred Sunday. The Eureka radio station KIEM announced its weather report. We heard, on this broadcast, conditions prevalent in Northern California and Southern Oregon as the result of the storm.

One of the citizens, after listening to the broadcast, called the radio station and told of the Spring weather then prevailing in Brookings. This was announced over the air and the Associated Press and United Press carried the story throughout the nation.

This is good publicity for Brookings. It invites new industries and new citizens to make their home here. It can result in pay rolls and better living conditions.

At this time we hand a bouquet to Ed F. Ackley, local attorney. He was the citizen who phoned KIEM and gave out the Brookings story.

one of our conservative metropolitan papers should be given credit for the understatement of the year. In an editorial, the opinion was expressed that three months was long enough for any candidate to inform the people as to his qualifications and views. I would be willing to wager that the job could be done in two weeks.

A few generations ago, much time was needed in order to plod on foot or horseback in contacting a widely scattered voting public. Today, thanks to television, radio and the press which blanket the area, a candidate for office can make his pitch to all the people in a very short time.

Under present conditions, the candidate spends his first two weeks presenting his views and the following five and a half months digging up the dirt with which to besmirch his opponent. He feels he must continue talking; for politicians, like nature, abhor a vacuum--a prolonged silence may give the voter too much time to think.

It is hoped that before too many years have passed, the primary date may be moved to within two weeks of the general election. Certainly the candidate with skeletons in the closet would welcome such an invocation.

**FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH**

By Clifford P. Rowe

Apparently the conscientious and long-suffering citizens of the state of Oregon are finally going to get a long need relief. Legislators, finally seeing the light, are moving toward advancing the date for primary elections from April up to August.

For those of us who became thoroughly fatigued and nauseated during last year's political campaign, this move is definitely in the right direction. Such a change should be welcomed by the legislator desiring to run for reelection or the potential newcomer to the political arena.

Most of us have long felt that to start campaigning for the primary in January, to continue filling the air and the press until the April contest, and then to carry on until the November general elections rolled around was putting campaigning on practically a year-around basis. Not only was it tough on the office seeker but it was also discouraging for the voter.

Relative to the new legislation

A SISTER CITY IS IN REAL TROUBLE

We in Brookings can do a lot of sympathizing with our sister-city, Myrtle Creek, in her time of serious trouble. Myrtle Creek has a lot of ties in Brookings, and in a lot of ways it is like Brookings. It isn't much bigger, and it depends mostly upon the lumber industry for its existence. Many people now living in Brookings once lived in that city. They are having the same troubles that beset Brookings, and any growing city in Oregon, trouble with water, city taxes, trouble with school populations and the like.

But none of it was trouble like they have now. The Umpqua Plywood Corp. gave terminating checks to 352 employees, and announced that they were going to stop production. What a shock to business establishments there, having invested considerable time and money, and then, bang, 352 paychecks are taken out of town.

But worse, what a shock to the workers. Many have their roots down there, and intend to make it their life's home. They have bought homes, and new cars--and suddenly, they have nothing. Where will they turn? Who will make the payment on their house, or car, or who is going to buy their groceries?

Of course, there are other industries in the area, such as the Hanna Nickel mine. And, the Umpqua sawmill is going to keep its operation. And there is the possibility of the mill returning to production under a new management, or a new owner, or perhaps a Co-Op type operation. These, of course, are straws to be clutched at.

The company, in its statement, gave variety of reasons for discontinuing its operation. One, they were paying excessive taxes, living in the city of Myrtle Creek. Two, their production was lower than average. Three, their payroll was higher than average. Four, the timber wasn't conducive to high quality plywood production.

The decision to stop work was hard on management too. They had a lot of money invested in a mill of that size. They had just spent over \$100,000 in renovating equipment. The company also owns many modern homes in the area--which will be next to worthless if there is no payroll in the vicinity.

It is an unfortunate situation all around. We sincerely hope that something can be worked out.

The Lions were pretty tickled over their upset victory over the Rotary Club last Friday night in the bowling department. They really rolled some scores. Warren McNeely, Roy Pollard, Gordie Olsen, Al Phillips, and big Hank Houvila raked the Rotarians over the coals in their March of Limes match game. Then to rub salt in the wounds Warren McNeely brought an armful of pins and a bowling ball over to Dimmick's Market, wanting to give them some lessons. Those young fellows in the Lion's Club are an exuberant lot. Imagine, wanting to give the Dimmicks lessons in bowling!

I owe an apology to Mrs. Helen Rice. In last week's scandle sheet I had a choice little item about Mrs. Rice leading the barbershop quartet group. But I had the wrong Mrs. Rice. I know Mrs. Helen Rice can sing--in fact she is probably the best around, and as a director too. I'm not sure if Mrs. Irma Rice can sing. If she had an opportunity I'd like to have her come down and give out with a number or two. Anyhow, now I've got my Rice's straight.

Rumors do fly around. We heard all about a body that was washed ashore near Crescent City, and how everybody figured it was his long lost cousin or mother-in-law. But it turned to be that of an animal--probably a bear. At least that is what Del Norte County Coroner Norman Weir said.

A meeting of those interested in baseball is being called by Floyd Swearington Friday night. This is it as far as baseball is concerned. If the city wants to field a team, they are going to have to know now.

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On nation wide tour as a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr. Castle will speak under the auspices of Christian Science Society, Brookings in the V.F.W. Hall at 8:00 P.M. Monday, March 7. His subject will be The Law Governing True Self-Expression. A newspaperman for several

years, Mr. Castle held various editorial positions and also served as Pacific Coast Advertising Manager of The Christian Science Monitor before resigning to enter the public practice of Christian Science in 1934. He has been a student of Christian Science since 1914, when he was healed in Christian Science of a physical ailment which had been considered incurable. He is an authorized public practitioner of Christian Science Healing, and has been a Christian Science lecturer since 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, former Brookings residents visited this week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kessler.

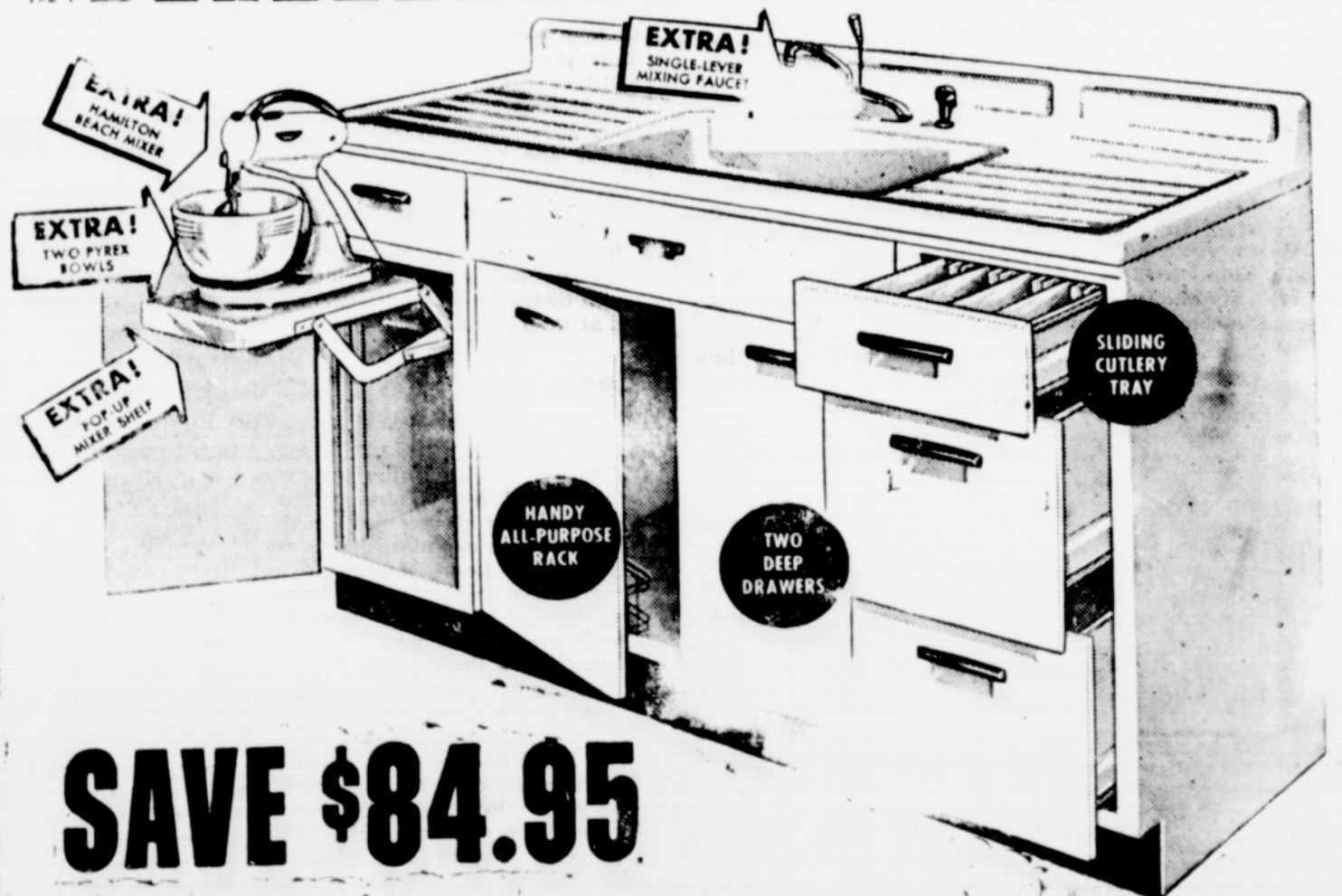
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