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A VOTE OF THANKS

The lack of interest at the recent meetings of the All-Year Events Association was disheartening. However, several interested citizens stuck to their guns, and wouldn't let the Azalea Festival die, and to them should go a vote from the entire area.

It shouldn't be hard for people to see the advantages to a community affair of this type brings. It brings people into Brookings and it brings a small bit of publicity on a state wide level to the area. More than that, it gives the folks here a chance to become more and better acquainted, through working and playing together.

It is without a doubt, absolutely essential that a community, if it is to exist as a community, have some civic functions such as the Azalea and Lily festivals.

During the past years some petty bickering and fighting has made the festivals unpalatable to some. Let's start on a fresh track this year. A committee has been named to lead the way on the Festival. Let's get behind them an help all we can.

The SKETCHBOOK



by Bud Pisarek

Kind of hard keeping ones mind on work on this first day of spring. The optimist looks at spring as the beginning of some warm and sunshiny days. The pessimist can only think that spring is the one of the first signs of winter.

Spring this year will undoubtedly be better received than previous years. Now with the income tax not being due until April 15, instead of the traditional March 15, people are in a better mood to greet Miss Spring. But, wait a couple of weeks, then we have two classes of people; those that complain that they had to pay too much to Uncle Sam because of their high income, and those that complain that their income wasn't high enough to warrant paying so much to Uncle Sam.

Poor old Uncle really gets cussed about this time of year. But remember its nice to know we have a little income as a nation. Some body has to put something in the pot boy!

Spring also reminds one of flowers and their blooming. Which brings us right up to Azaleas and Lillies. A little bigger crowd than usual turned up at the All Year Events meeting on Sunday. Enough to keep the festivities alive. But we need many more to help put the thing over. Another meeting will be held Sunday at 2 pm at the High School.

With the coming of spring we should witness a rash of sketching by members of the Brookings Academy Art class. The students will be out to study nature first hand soon. Don't be alarmed and think a bunch of artists from some California art colony have invaded the place.

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It isn't always easy to be a hero. Take, for example, the basketball player of whom I read not long ago. In a successful attempt to keep a ball from going out of bounds, his momentum was such that he went into the crowd, pranced the length of the press table, jumped over the scorekeepers to get back on the floor, took a pass from a teammate, shot—arm issued the basket.

If he had made the two points, the crowd would have cheered him to the rafters; but he missed it and the crowd roared in glee. Such is the narrow margin that separates the hero and the clown.

A similar fate was mine as a high school lad. As a stationary guard in those pre-race-horse basketball days, I played two years without ever getting to shoot at the basket. In the last game of my senior year, someone finally fouled me thus giving me the chance to sink my first bucket.

It was a dramatic moment for me. With the attention of all upon me, I sighted, carefully let fly, and looped the ball through without touching the rim. The beginning of a cheer turned to a roar of laughter when the referee announced that my foot was over the line. I remained scoreless and unacclaimed.

In football, earlier that same year, I was injured on a play. As I lay there in the mud, all 128 pounds of me, one ear was to the crowd, waiting longingly for the cheer which was rightfully due of an injured gladiator. But, alas, before they identified me, the coach, a little fellow about five foot six, dashed on to the field, picked me up in his arms, and carried me to the bench. The crowd roared, again glory had passed me by.

In college one year with the track season already half gone I decided to become a two miler. I ran in my first meet after four days of training. For six agonizing laps I looked forward to getting my second wind which played me a dirty trick by never making its appearance. With but a lap and a half to go, I tottered to the edge of the track and passed out. I could have walked the remaining distance and have come in fourth. As it was, my track career began and ended without my name even being entered on the records.

We dubs, however can console ourselves with the thought that sometimes a laugh is as good as a cheer, and someone has to make the hero look good.

CAPITAL PARADE

One of Oregon's top political strategists, Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Portland, former national committeewoman, has sent members of the legislature a letter pleading with them to defeat a bill that would abolish the board of control and lodge its powers in the governor.

Mrs. Gerlinger warned that there is no assurance that we will always have a Republican governor. She added that there is a trend toward increasing the power of the executive which in some countries has led to dictatorship.

There was a preface in this column six weeks ago noting what the GOP legislators were doing to ake a dictator of the governor—a target of dictatorship—for the Democrats to shoot at in the 1956 election. The longheaded, political maneuvering Republicans in this legislature have changed their views about doing away with the board of control and some Democratic members are all for smearing the governor as the top man on the GOP team pole.

"BE PATIENT" "The best solution to the cold war is for the East and West to be patient", S. K. Banerji Indian Council General to the United States said at Salem Thursday. His talk was attended by many members of the legislature. He said he did not think war was inevitable.

PROGRESS BY LEGISLATURE At the end of the ninth week of the current session of the legislature 886 bills had been introduced, 137 had passed both houses and sent to the governor for his approval or veto. He has signed 81 and vetoed two.

During the past week 31 bills and two memorials were passed by both houses. Those making consequential changes are:

SE 64 -Permits county clerks to decide if they will sell fishing and hunting licenses SB 38 -Requires life insurance written in connection with installment loans to comply with state insurance rules. SB 37 -Makes same requirements on accident and health policies so written. SB 32 -Sets nominating procedure in event that a superintendent of public instruction dies or withdraws from office after primary election time.

SB 113 -Provides free text books for 7th and 8th grades in junior high school as well as in elementary schools. HB 187 -The state optometry board is given further discretion and authority to adopt standards relative to qualifications of applicants for examination and license. HB 288 -Revises state standard weights for small quantities of flour it includes 10 pounds, 5 pounds and anything less than 5. HB 191 -Cost of maintaining Elliott State Forest in Coos County to be taken from proceeds of sale of forest products from it. SJM 6 -Urges congress to defeat a resolution which would give the president new tariff cutting powers.

SB 201 -Requires non-professional employees of school districts to show certificates that they do not have tuberculosis. HB 115 -Denies teaching certificates to anyone who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving morals. HB 172 -Allows counties to sell timber from county forestlands without bids if amount is under \$2,000. HB 208 -Requires candidates to actually complete filing in elections office by 5 p.m. of deadline date and disallows mail filings received after that time.

MILLIONS FOR OREGON BRIDGES The man who devised the highway system for the entire Japanese Empire, after participating in the invasion, was promoted to state bridge engineer this week by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Phillip M. Stephenson, who takes the position which involves supervision of approximately 100 engineering employees, on a statewide basis, will have the responsibility for the design and construction of all bridges, buildings and other structures built by the highway department. The bridge division anticipates \$18,000,000 of structural work in 1955. Stephenson is a registered professional engineer and a graduate in civil engineering from Oregon State College. He first went to work for the department in 1919. SHIPPING SHIPMENT LOWER Shipping point inspectors of the Oregon Agricultural Department

VETS SEE WAR MOVIES Okinawa, Hamburg and Chosin, were relived by some of the veterans attending last Wednesday night's VFW and auxiliary meeting. Official armed forces films were shown, the first of a series from each of the four departments, Russ Messer, in charge of this department, is not saying what the next showing will be but, as Russ was in the Air Force, possibly he will favor this branch next.

Other action at the meeting was the sponsoring of women's and men's wrestling matches, for the benefit of the school athletic fund, as soon as a suitable place is assured. The six new Masonite tables were initiated, the post having matched the Auxiliary's rummage sale moneys, and another payment of over \$300 was made on the note against the building. The post quartermaster reported a total of 95 members.

A mentionable feature of the meeting was that Sy Payne, even, came down out of the hills to see the movies, although he worked for the Army in World War I and Bob Wilcox, Navy, Okinawa etc., had a thirteen year gap since the last VFW meeting he went to.

estimated totals of fresh fruit and vegetables shipped out of the state as 3211 carloads during February. This is 387 carloads short of February 1954. Potato shipments accounted for approximately two-thirds of the total last month, while other shipments included onions, 680 cars; apples 346 cars; and pears, 206 cars. SHIPPERS CONFERENCE A general conference with shippers and representatives of Oregon industries will be held Monday, March 21, in the State Office Building in Portland.

The announcement was made Monday by Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner who said the purpose of the conference will be to discuss recent developments relative to class rates. LABEL LIMITING LEGAL Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled Monday that it would be constitutional to pass a bill limiting damages for individual libel.

Such a bill has been introduced in the legislature. It provides that when a newspaper or radio station accidentally commits a libel, the damages would be limited to actual damages, provided that a retraction is published. The opinion was asked by Senator Elmo E. Smith, president of the senate, who publishes a weekly newspaper in John Day.



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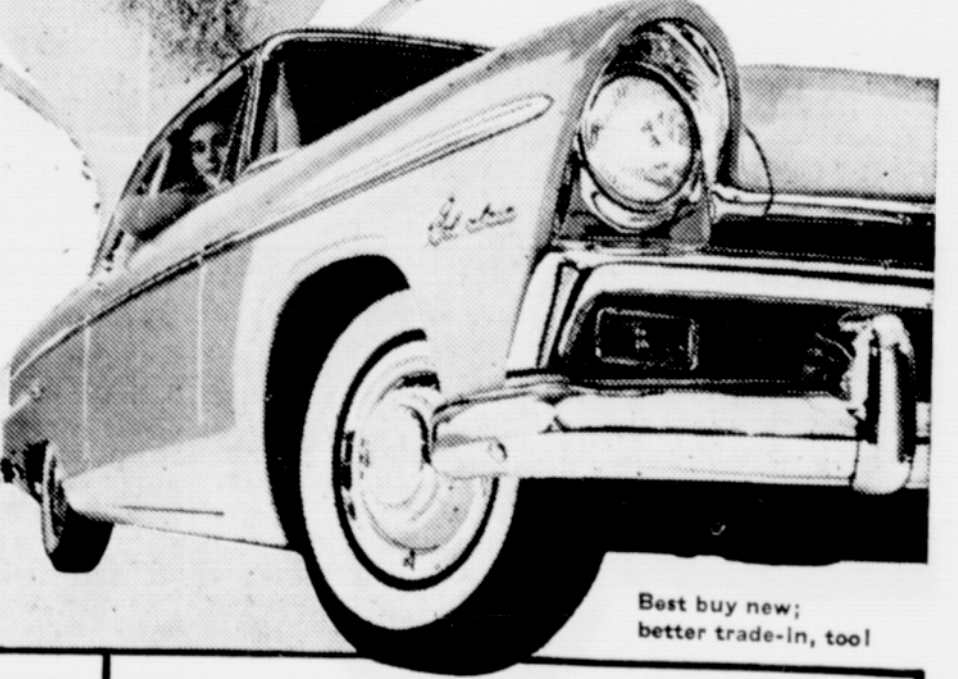
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