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WHAT ABOUT THE HIGHWAY?

The hearing set for today in Salem by the Highway Commission should be a choice one. People in Curry County are up in arms about a report that the highway commission had decided to abandon work on highway 101 for several years.

As far as we know the report has never been confirmed or denied by the state highway commission. There must be some reasoning on the subject going on, or else why would they order a hearing held.

Rumors were started that the whole show is just a bluff on the part of the highway commission to force Curry County jurors to go easy in awarding damages in the 10 cases up before the circuit court. We doubt that, because we feel the highway commission is too big, or should be too big to go around the state bluffing people.

The highway commission knows what they are doing. They know the value of the highway to people of Curry County—and to people of the state in general. They should weigh that value against the problem of money to be spent in re-aligning the highway. Undoubtedly, they have.

We just want to add one thing to the discussion. We feel that the highway commission isn't quite familiar with the beauties of Brookings—or else they wouldn't consider denying a modern highway to enable more people to appreciate this wonderful country. In fact they would probably consider a four-lane free-way.

pipe dreams



by joe murphy

We've heard a lot of discussion on the highway problem here in the last two weeks, ever since Rod McKenzie reported that the state Highway Commission had decided to hold up the 101 project for several years. Everybody seems to have a little different angle on the thing.

McKenzie doesn't believe that we should send a Chamber of Commerce delegation down to plead our case. Verne Ayers, of the Oregon Coast Association says we should. The meeting will be held Thursday, April 14 in Salem. Personally, I am in favor of sending everybody in Brookings, along with their children, and mother-in-laws. We should let the highway commission know we are definitely interested.

Of course, there is the other angle too, that it would seem that the highway commission should be aware that it behooves them to complete this 101 project for the earliest possible date, because they are convinced that highway 101 is the best tourist attraction in the state. And no tourist in his right mind wants to travel between Brookings and Gold Beach at the present time, unless they just don't know.

Wickes Shaw, our charming rival to the north, has been taking

Federal Plan of Reapportionment Sought

Two freshmen legislators last week sought to get a vote of the people on the so-called "federal plan" of reapportionment.

The resolution, introduced by Representatives Emil Stenz, Nyssa, and Wayne R. Giesy, Monroe would amend the constitution to give each county a senator and have the house apportioned on a basis of population, as both houses now are apportioned.

The present apportionment was voted by the people in 1952.

It would, if passed by the people, give Curry County a senator, and a stronger voice in the legislature than it has now.

ENTERS HOSPITAL

The many friends of Col. William "Bill" Brown, are sorry to know that Bill is again hospitalized at Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, where he may be addressed, "Sid", (S. M.) Luce is in the U.S. Veterans Hospital, Jackson Park, Portland, and will be pleased to hear from anyone here.

pot shots at old Joe in her column. Arise, people of Brookings, don't let her get away with this. Write her letters proclaiming the fact that I am really a fine fellow, full of wit, intelligence, and many other excellent qualities. All week end I have been pouring over the Reporter, looking for something that I can use as a bludgeon in my rebuttal. Unfortunately I haven't found anything as of yet. So in the future I am going to limit my search to 30 minutes on Friday afternoon.

However, I did find one item that I might be able to raise a to do over. In an obituary last week, the Reporter noted that the minister, rather than the deceased was laid away to rest. I assumed the minister upon reading this made the old barb the "report of my death was greatly exaggerated"

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

Some people are still expressing dissatisfaction over the fact that Lincoln's emancipation proclamation has so far failed to end racial discrimination. They fail to see why the problem couldn't have been solved in the ninety years which have elapsed.

The same people would be equally dismayed if they were made aware that the emancipation of women from male dominion is progressing even more slowly.

The deplorable status of the feminine portion of our population was brought to light just recently by legislation at the state capital. It seems that some traitor to the principle that man is superior to woman went so far as to suggest that women should receive equal pay with men for doing the same work.

Evidently these radical thinkers had forgotten that our own Declaration of Independence stated that "all men are created equal" but made no mention whatsoever of women. Those who opposed the bill, which was finally passed, should be congratulated for their fight for the cause of male superiority.

All of which reminds me of an incident which happened in my early teaching years. In my sociology class, we were discussing the problem of whether married women should be allowed to teach. Those were the days of course, when a surplus of teachers made it possible for school boards to have some choice in selecting their faculties.

One of my students asked our superintendent, who was visiting the class, for his opinion. His answer, which I have never forgotten was "If the schools are for the teachers, then I don't believe married women should teach; but if the schools exist for the children, then I think the best teacher should be hired regardless of sex."

DANCE STUDENTS WIN HONORS

Annually Blossom Behee honors dance students from a Junior and a Senior group. To qualify, students must have exceptionally good technique without being too stiff, and cooperate with the teacher, and fellow students.

One qualified from the Senior group this year, Barbara Holmes.

Two qualified from the Junior group, 1st place, Susan Kay Martin; 2nd place, Teresa Van Cell.

A dessert luncheon of banana splits was served at the studio Saturday for the three guests, and the first place winners were given Ballet slippers as gifts, and the second place winner, a leotard, the recommended practice garment. Games were also played.

Similar thinking should be followed in the matter of equal pay between the sexes. If the salaries are determined by the needs of the employee, then women should not get as much pay as men. If on the other hand, the salary is paid for service rendered, the sex of an employee can be of no consequence.

Don Behee has returned to Brookings from Oklahoma, where he has been since the death of his father in February. He has resumed his job with the Brookings Milling Co.

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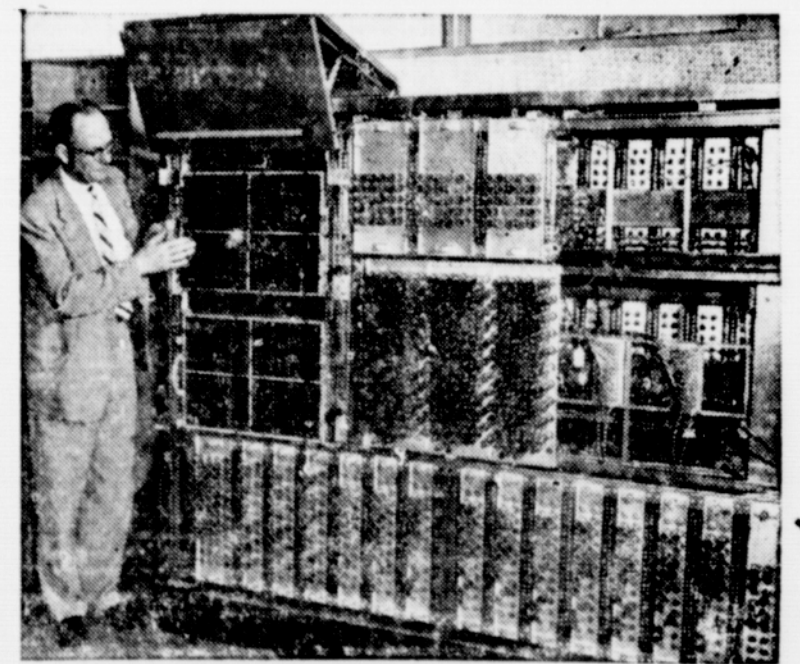
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