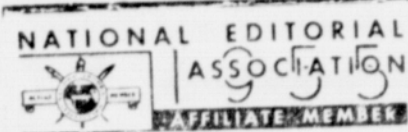
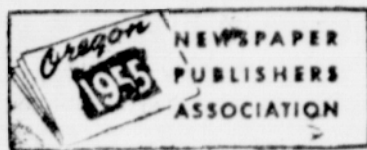


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IT'S STILL A PROBLEM

That meeting Friday night on the sewer situation was a good one. The Corvallis firm of Cornell, Howland and Merryfield did an excellent job of preparation, and an outstanding job of presentation.

Some of the facts brought out, by the report made by the firm and through subsequent questioning of the engineer making the presentation were stimulating. It seems that the city is going ahead in the right direction, and perhaps an adequate sewer system isn't too far off.

Certainly the financing of it, through the issuance of bonds, isn't beyond the means of the community. And more certainly, the necessity for an adequate and complete system is becoming more evident every day, with new and modern houses going up in every direction. The big hazard, and the city administration realizes it, of course, is that the health of the city could be jeopardized by the large number of inadequate septic tanks. The city wants to strike before there is some disease or epidemic.

However, the thing isn't as clear and simple as just raising money and going ahead with the project. Its a great deal more complicated than that, and the answer isn't going to be easy to find.

The first recommendation by the engineering firm was the sticker. It said: Reach an agreement with Elmer Banks on the existing system. What about that one? If the city went ahead and paid Mr. Banks the \$29,000 the firm said the existing system was worth, would there be any argument? You're darn right there would be. Yet, what are the other solutions? Not buy it, and pay more than that to build a similar system? That would get you in an argument too.

Solomon himself would have a tough time with that problem. We don't know if the residents should put the city administration on the spot by letting them go ahead with the decision, because obviously which ever choice they make will be whole heartedly criticized.

Mayor Roy Brimm has an idea that may work. He is making tentative plans to call for a city election, and let the citizens themselves decide what should be the next step. It sounds like a good move. The people themselves may or not make the right choice, but if they don't, they have only themselves to blame.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

Now that the rains have practically ceased and the daffodils no longer resemble Easter bonnets caught in an April cloudburst, one can safely assume that Winter has finally decided to bid a reluctant adieu.

This used to be the season when the master of the house sang the glories that are nature as he dug in the newly turned soil or pattered over the infant vegetables, wet-nursing them to maturity. The grass bordering the walks and paths received its annual haircutting and the citizens of the block bowed their backs while the metal blades of their lawnmower sang in unison as winter's dead blanket was removed to reveal the new carpet of emerald green.

But such is a scene long faded. Today, instead, I hear the raucous roar of motors as I catch a fleeting glimpse of my neighbor in mad pursuit of a gas-fed demon which unmercifully devours the grass which used to provide the pleasure in its mowing. And when the chore is completed, doing in fifteen minutes that which used to take an hour the monster is herded to its shelter while its slave, the human, dashes into the house congratulating himself that he only had to stay out in the dangerous fresh air for a quarter of an hour.

In spite of the fact that I may be labeled as a relic of the past, one who cannot adjust to progress, I still retain and cherish my faithful old lawnmower. Just returned from its annual sharpening, it waits the human push which will propel it on its way, bringing to its owner the smell of newly cut grass, the awareness of newly discovered muscles, and the satisfaction, when its all over, for a job well done.

Yes I am a lover of work. Trained in my early youth by a stern parent who insisted that idleness was a tool of the devil, I now find myself shuddering in face of the fate awaiting those who scorn physical exertion. Thus it is that I, imbued with the philosophy of my father and concerned with the welfare of my own son, pass on to him these teachings and the lawnmower.

For I agree with Jerome K. Jerome who once said: "I like work, it fascinates me, I can sit and look at it for hours."

The SKETCHBOOK

LETTER TO EDITOR



by Bud Pisarek

One never knows who his true friends are until a crisis arises. People have been so kind to me in the past few days, offering flowers, files baked in cakes, and promises of a visit once in a while

The crisis, we might add, is in the form of a subpoena to appear before the grand jury. About 11 of us have been called to Gold Beach to offer testimony of an investigation pending before the Grand Jury. What its all about is some what of a mystery. But I can assure all my fans I will cover the incident with care and report all proceedings to the best of my abilities so they can fully read in the PILOT.

This will be my first trip to the county seat. They tell me the road is a dilly. I'll bet, whoops, I mean, I hope I don't get car sick.

After all my bragging about this weather, one of our long lost relatives back in Wisconsin way reports the week of Easter ranged in the high 70's to 80 degrees. But I bet they had to shovel a lot of snow away before they could reach the back porch.

Clintonville, Wisconsin, our former residence, is celebrating their 100 year anniversary since incorporating. Just think Brookings has only 98 more years to go for theirs.

Do you think by that time they will have decided who owns the sewers?

All this delay on that subject makes one wonder if he should invest in those shiny new outfits or put his money into repairs on the old two-seater.

There was an old saying that goes "See you in church," this week we have to change it to, "See you in court."

Mrs. Robert Stotenberg sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pratt and two sons from Idaho Falls, Idaho, arrived last Saturday and plan on staying until this Thursday.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Four years ago when the Brookings Plywood was in process of building we moved to Brookings to make our home. We have been quite happy in our choice of locating in this community. We had expected the town to make a very nominal growth, but it has far exceeded our expectation. I would be hard pressed to find a place in this Northwest where there have been so many beautiful new modern homes as there has been here in the past three years.

Now this year the trend is to business buildings, and in this phase of our building program, it leaves nothing to be desired. Modern buildings with every conceivable convenience for the shopper and the public. Our new bank building leaves nothing to be desired in all the latest appointment and modern conveniences. Now best of all we have a new High School which would be a credit to a much larger community. We should be quite proud of such a modern up-to-date structure for our children's education. The very best in classrooms, offices, lighting, heating and gymnasium facilities.

Now comes the sad part of the tale. To this one-half million dollar educational institution with beautiful tiled and waxed floors, we are having a GRAVEL walk put in. Talk about being relegated to the "horse and buggy" days, that is it!

One of the excuses offered is that there is no grade established for a walk. The architect and city established a grade for the building and street, and the apron for the building to the walk is already in. So that alibi won't hold water. Then we hear that there is no money available.

It has already been decided by the school board not to use the building for school purposes until the fall term starts in July there will be money available for the new budget. So why spend money now for a temporary gravel walk? Seems to me that the sharp gravel tracked in will be bad for those nice floors. The money spent to build the forms for the gravel would have been ample to build forms for a permanent concrete sidewalk, and the labor involved would have spread and finished the cement. So taking an overall sensible view of this project, it looks like someone is being "penny wise and pound foolish."

What do you think?

A taxpayer
Lloyd S. Weeks

TO PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR WEEKEND

OREGON STATE COLLEGE
Corvallis, Helen Allenby and Pat Holmes of Brookings-Harbor high school have notified Oregon State college that they will participate in senior weekend beginning Friday, April 22.

Others may be included since all senior have been invited by OCS and the other state system schools.

The program is designed to give graduating seniors a chance to explore career possibilities in the various fields of study and to get acquainted with college life.

Major emphasis falls on educational exhibits and talks with staff members about courses and job prospects. Special events include student entertainment programs, a style show, conference ball and track, and dances. Seniors are guests in the OCS student living groups.

Start Discussion Group At Church

A discussion group for inquirers and for persons seeking to be Confirmed has been started at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Corner of Fir St. and Azalea Park Drive.

The group meets Friday evening at 8 p.m. and will discuss the basic Christian beliefs, the beginnings and history of the Christian Church, and the heritage of the Episcopal Church as a part of the Holy Catholic Church.

All persons interested are invited to attend and to take part in the discussion. Although there will be many present at these meetings who are being prepared to receive Holy Confirmation, there is no obligation on the part of any one attending to be confirmed.

The discussions will be led by the Rev. Fr. Shideler, Vicar of St. Timothy's Church. The date of the visit of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, to confirm those who wish to receive Holy Confirmation, has not yet been finally decided, but will probably be early in June.

LEGION HOLDS MEETING HERE

A large group of members and guests were present at the social meeting of the American Legion Chetco Post No. 138 and Auxiliary on Monday April 11.

The Department of Oregon American Legion Auxiliary president, Marie Wilcox, delivered a very impressive speech on the history of the American Legion, which was founded 35 years ago. She also spoke on the work of the Legion and Auxiliary, such as hospital work, community service, the Girl and Boy State program, Child Welfare and Civil Defense. She urges that as many people as possible send letters to our Congressmen and representatives on the National Security Bill this bill should be supported by every citizen so that we may have a better trained defense.

Also as guest speakers were Department of Oregon American Legion Auxiliary Secretary, Mae Whitcomb, and District 10 president Edith Engles.

Every member of the Auxiliary and Post are invited to take part in Memorial Service at Smith River on Memorial Day, May 30. This service will be held at the Veterans Hall in Smith River.

Mrs. Grace Trostad was presented her Past-Presidents pin by Department President Marie Wilcox.

Several new members were added to the membership that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young left Sunday morning for a business trip to Portland. They took their granddaughter, Pamela Young, along, who will be staying with Mrs. Harold Young's mother. They plan to return this week end.

Jack Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Malone is home on leave. He must report to Missouri on April 27.

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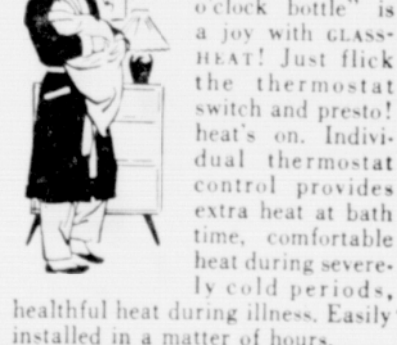
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