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WHAT ABOUT GAMBLING?

There has been a lot of discussion about gambling in Brookings and in Curry County in the past two weeks, ever since the Grand Jury was called in to investigate it. They did give the county a good report, stating that it was free from organized vice in every way, and that no more gambling exists here than in any other county.

On the other hand, they did indict one man for operating gambling tables, and another man was up for trial for pulling a gun in an aftermath of a gambling incident.

So the facts seem to be this. We have gambling in Brookings to some extent, but it isn't the organized type, and doesn't seem to be out of line compared with other counties.

That narrows the situation down, to almost a moral issue. Do we want gambling at all, in any form? Do the majority of the people wish to see all gambling abolished, or do they wish to see it all legalized, or do they wish to leave the laws on the books as is, and break them whenever they wish?

Those three choices are important? No gambling. Complete legalized gambling. Flouting the law. Older, wiser, and more urbane heads than us here in Brookings have gone over these three choices, and except for Nevada, all seem to have chosen the latter.

If gambling is against the law, why do we flip coins for coffee? Why do we bet on our bowling scores? Why do we allow card tables to exist all over the state? You know, and we know that people playing cards on those tables aren't doing it for sport. Why do so many bingo games go unnoticed and untouched?

We have gone ahead and legalized gambling, when it is illegal. We have licensed card tables, charg-

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

It's surprising how something out of the ordinary in the day's routine can make one suddenly become aware of conditions about which he previously had no knowledge whatsoever.

For example, a few weeks ago the lady of the house went to the hospital for major surgery. To say that this event disturbed the routine of the household would be the understatement of the century; for her absence left my 17 year old son, my 14 year old daughter and me to run a home in which apparently we had been previously nothing but star boarders.

As the boss, I immediately laid out the cooperative program. I would get breakfast; Junior would be in charge of lunch; and the Princess, who knows more about cooking than both of us, would supervise dinner.

I had chosen breakfast because I figured it would be the easiest since it would only require pouring the orange juice, putting cereal on the table, preparing toast, and, if I became extremely courageous, trying some eggs. However, it didn't turn out so easy, for I soon discovered that I never have really been awake in all those years that the good wife has

ing them even a higher license than other businesses, when we know that they are playing cards for money in deliberate violation of the law.

Frankly, no laws ever made will outlaw gambling completely, no matter how good the law enforcement officers.

Along that line too, if gambling is not legalized, it is expecting too much of the enforcement officers to draw the line in every instance, as to which to arrest and which not to.

We feel that District Attorney Sam Hall exhibited unusual courage in the investigation, because gambling of some forms seems to be the wishes of the majority. He has laws to enforce, according to his oath of office, and if he didn't enforce them think of the criticism that would be heaped upon him.

However, it doesn't leave us any further towards the solution of to have or not to have gambling. It's up to the people to decide. They make the laws — and then hire men to enforce them. They have the right of changing or invalidating laws

ANNOUNCE WINNER

The winner of the Brookings Emblem Club TV drawing was Marion Bauer, of Gold Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Phetipace, of the Dairy Center were the winners of the portable mixer.

The Emblem Club held a Membership Tea on April 25th, in the Elks Hall. A card social was enjoyed by the Ladies of the Elks. The next business meeting of the club will be held May 9th, at which time initiation of new members will be held.

The SKETCHBOOK



by Bud Pisarek

Someone asked me if the recently appointed citizens committee is going to form a football team. There are 30 members on this committee which would give us an "A" squad, a "B" team and some water boys.

One nice thing about this group — it should give us a good cross section of what the people are thinking. It includes almost every one.

I thought Bud Cross was way off base when he brought in the notice about driving fast and raising all that dust when it was raining to beat high heaven last Thursday. Just to show you how far off I was, it stopped raining and I've been eating dust ever since.

Well, the Barbershoppers plus Rotary put on a wing ding of a musical feat for us Saturday. I switched back to a mug and a straight razor when I shaved Sunday morning. That shows to go you how much they impressed me with their efforts.

Now bring on the Lady wrestlers! Those VFW boys go in for that athletic stuff. Must be some of their service days coming out of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hover had a week end guests, Mrs. Hover's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haefler and their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheaffer all of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harroun returned from a business trip to Portland last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kessler returned last week from a trip back East, visiting Washington, Virginia and other spots. Mr. Kessler saw his brother, who is leaving for a tour of duty in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Tygert spent the week end in Cottage Grove.

U. W. Bennett was admitted to Seaside Hospital last Tuesday for surgery. He came home Monday, and is doing fine.

TUESDAYS SET FOR SOCIAL SECURITY HOURS

Carlos L. Hunsinger, manager of the Social Security District office in Eureka, California, has announced that a representative of his office will maintain office hours at the City Hall in Brookings, Oregon, from 1 until 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, beginning May 17th.

A schedule of itinerant service in Brookings during the next four

months is as follows: May 17, June 14, July 19, August 16, and September 20.

Individuals who may have lost their social security cards or who never had a social security card number may secure an application for a social security account number card from any post office or from the social security district office, located at 206 Post Office Building, Eureka, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Birkenseld, and two children went to Randall, Washington for a family reunion. They left last Thursday and had planned to return in the middle of the week.

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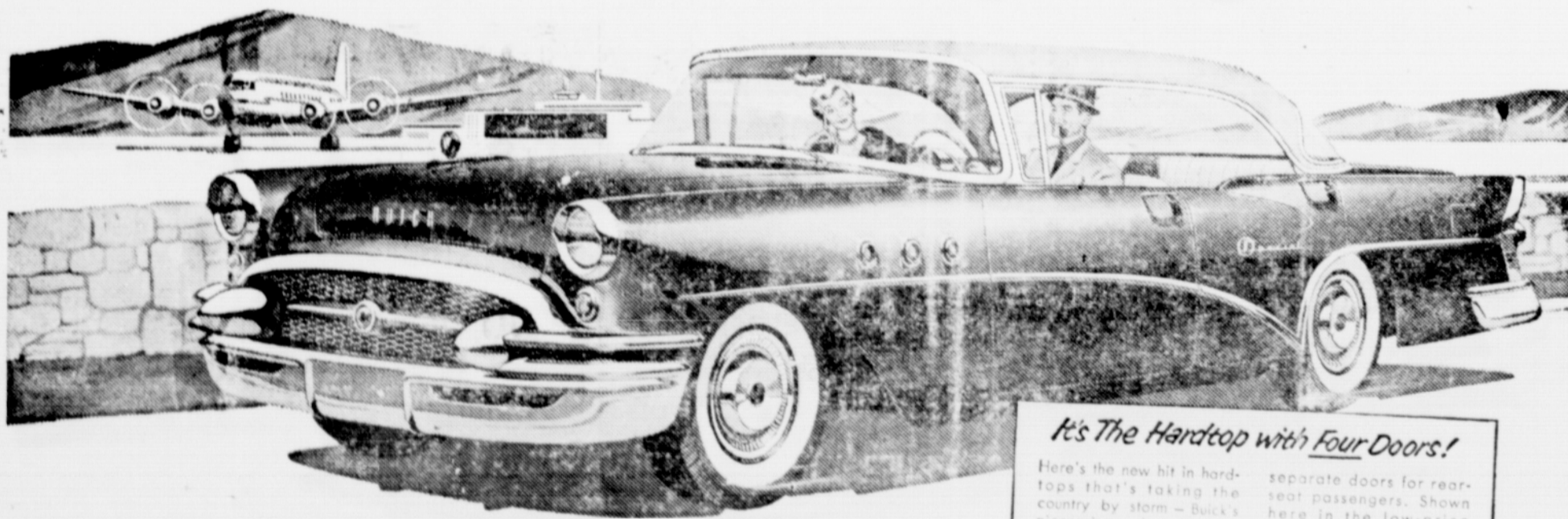
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