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What About A Community Chest?

The Community Chest idea is one that should be given some thought in Brookings and Harbor. It has worked out well in some communities — although it has run into opposition in others.

Ever since we have been here there has been one drive after another. The Red Cross, Cancer, Easter Seals, Heart, Boy Scouts, All-Year Events, Baseball, Library, Air Watch, and on and on and on. The only drive that is left to be conducted is one to buy the Pilot a new press, and we may start the kick-off on that one shortly.

The important part about these fund-raising drives is that they are all important. No community should be without them, because those groups and those activities are necessary.

The only problem is that it gets almost too thick for the merchant to have to dig down every week, because obviously it is difficult for any drive workers to get out into all the scattered residential areas. Naturally then, the businessman gets hit. It is also hard on the volunteers, who are asked to do the collecting. Once a year, twice a year, or even three times a year is fine, but a good many of the civic minded people are out oftener than that, trying to collect for this or that. If they have the energy to burn, excellent, but it does get wearing.

What other solution? Perhaps we could give the Community Chest idea a whirl. Promote one drive to supplement all drives, and then budget out the monies collected according to need. Who is for it? Let's speak out.

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The SKETCHBOOK



by Bud Pisarek

Now I am mad. Wickes Shaw, editor of a paper published elsewhere in the county let her typewriter get away with her. She called yours truly a "jerk." That is right, a jerk. Are you dear readers going to let her get away with that? We let Gold Beach away with a lot, but let's rise up in defense. I propose a "Bud Ain't No Jerk Club" should be formed.

All those interested in defending my honor can join the club by dropping a two-cent post card to Wickes with the simple line . . . "BUD AIN'T NO JERK" written, typed or copied in bold letters. If that won't stop Wickes we'll really get mad and go fill their proposed harbor sight with pebbles.

Overheard the mayor of Winchuck say that the country down that way is producing 80 bushels of potatoes to the acre. The soil and ideal climate you know.

He said he pulled one bunch out and 40 peck dropped out before he could plug up the hole.

Rent was due again so we moved over the weekend. Every time we drove past Bill Thompson's house we could see him hiding behind the curtains.

One thing though, just as we were having some well earned refreshments guess who pops in? Yessir, Bill (call me Jim Farley) Thompson.

Lot of people, mostly semi-retired folk like Fell Campbell, have been stopping in to see our new automatic press. Just a warning, a Myrtle Creek printer caught his hand in one last week. We wouldn't want all these semi-retired people permanently retired.

Quite a few of the clergy, Rev. Spencer, Rev. Sadler, Rev. Shidler and Rev. Ostermeier, have dropped in to watch the almost human machines operate also. We feel kind of good having the Lord on our side.

CITY OFFICIALS TO MEET AT COOS BAY

City officials of Brookings have been invited by Mayor Robert Marsden of Coos Bay to attend a meeting of city officials of Coos and Curry counties Thursday evening, May 19, in Coos Bay.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the city of Coos Bay and the League of Oregon Cities and is one of 22 such meetings being conducted throughout the state during May and June to discuss common municipal developments and problems.

The meeting will feature a report on recently enacted legislation affecting cities as an open forum discussion and informal exchange of ideas and information on all aspects of city government of interest to the city officials of Coos and Curry counties. In addition to the legislative report and a summary of the organization's activities, subjects tentatively listed for discussion include community planning, municipal finance and personnel problems.

Meeting with local officials will be Diamond L. Flynn of Medford, president of the League of Cities; Raymond C. Coulter, League attorney and field consultant; and A. M. Westling, planning and public works consultant; Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon.

WELL CHILD CLINIC HERE FRIDAY

There will be a well child clinic at the Brookings-Harbor Grad school on May 21, between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Paul Romiger will give physical examinations and immunizations and will be assisted by Dorothea Miller, Public Health Nurse.

LUTHERAN CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS

The Faith Lutheran circle, held their May meeting at the home of Marjorie Renhard, with Connie Niemi as co-hostess.

The main business of the evening was the election of new officers with the results as follows: Lorraine Eide, president; Nadine Schroeder, vice president; Connie Niemi, sec-treasurer.

New committee members were appointed by the new president.

Plans were discussed and made in regard to the Sunday School picnic which will be held in the Azalea Park on June 5. Following the meeting, refreshments were served. The June meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Botzek.

Mrs. Pauline Tygart went to Sacramento Friday to stay with her daughter Mrs. D. L. Christensen for a week.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

Time was when most of the laughs found in the daily press were the result of screw-ball doings in Hollywood. Of late, however, the trend for providing an occasional bit of humor seems to be swinging toward the nation's capital. For Oregonians, most of the laughs come down in Congress, one who is fighting valiantly for the welfare of squirrels and the other who is slightly big dam wacky.

But the other day, I got even a bigger laugh when I came across a seven column headline in a Portland daily which proclaimed to the world that the nation's editors, convening in Washington, D.C., predicted as a group that President Eisenhower would be reelected in the next election.

The fact that they chose Ike was not the amusing feature. What gave me the chuckle was their having the audacity to set themselves up again as fortune tellers. As a group their batting average in predicting successful presidential candidates in the past quarter century has been about as low as that of the average pitcher on a baseball team.

Being stimulated by the article to do some investigating on my own, I queried a "gentleman of the road", packing his bundle down the railroad track, as who he thought would be our next president. His answer, after considerable thought was "Eugene V. Leeb."

Now everyone knows that the long time candidate for president on the Socialist ticket has been long dead. Nevertheless, I would take the hobo's prediction just as seriously as I would that of a national gathering of metropolitan publishers.

Big daily publishers may be up to date as to what is going on in the world today, but when it comes to assuming the role of reading the minds of the American voters, I consider them just about as reliable a group as bookies trying to sell me a tip on a horse.

No, I think editors are wonderful men. When it comes to keeping their readers informed, they stand head and shoulders above any others in the world. But when they don a turban and robe and begin to mumble about what they see in the crystal ball, I cannot take them too seriously.

Recent visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sadler were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Redgrave, of Trail, British Columbia. Rev. Sadler was pastor in Trail about 20 years ago, and hadn't seen the Redgraves since.

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