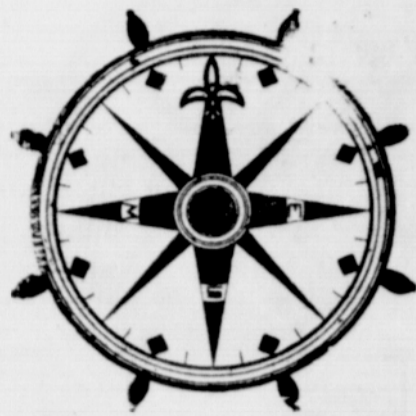


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The SKETCHBOOK



by *Dub Pirarch*

The sketcher, Mr. William arrived in Wisconsin to spend a few weeks with his offspring and family. He has reacted very favorably to our locality and sings nothing but praise for the fine state of Oregon.

Son Jim immediately tells the story to the dad that Oregon was named after an Irish man—O'Regan.

My son walks around the house with his bare skin cap hanging out singing "Baby, baby Crockett."

Mrs. Harold Cummings called to give us some local news about having a visitor, Mr. E. B. Logan from Minnesota. I told her to send the transplanted Norski to the office and we would argue who has the better football teams—Wisconsin or Minnesota. He hasn't arrived as yet, so I suppose he admits those Badgers are mighty tough.

Roy Weideman is busy looking through a surveyor's "periscope" getting things ready for the new department store. He must have spent hours gazing through that thing. I couldn't figure out what took so long. I don't think the parade of bathing beauties the sunshine brought out had anything to do with it.

Although that telescope was aimed at some pretty good angles.

Bud Cross was in to tell us that every dog must have a license starting Saturday. I guess Les Dimmick has been trying to get one from Bud but the honorable law officer turns him down. Les goes away dejected and you can hear him mumble something about his mother-in-law needing one.

Work On Curry County Budget

Work on the county budget is progressing, with the committee meeting last week to try to stretch the funds to cover demands. The budget committee consists of Judge Guy Forsyth, all members of the county court and three additional members: Elmer Bankus of Brookings; George Christian of Gold Beach; and Ira W. Tucker of Port Orford. Tucker replaces John Donaldson, who has resigned.

Items approved by the budget committee in their work thus far, according to Ismert are the biggest road fund ever, which will total about \$300,000. The county too, has realized the dust problem. Ismert said, although it would be impractical to oil all the roads, the county is thinking about buying an oil distribution vehicle. It would then put storage tanks in various sections of the county, including Brookings.

The county would then charge a nominal fee to property owners who wish their road oiled. They wouldn't charge for the labor or machine, but only for the oil. Ismert said.

The county also allocated \$100 for each library in the county to help defray expenses.

The entire library board at the Curry County library in Gold Beach resigned this week, and the doors of the library were closed when the County board budget committee denied a request for \$2400 to pay a part-time librarian.

The library has been operating since August 1953 with the services of an unpaid volunteer librarian. The budget committee had authorized only \$100 to the various libraries in the county, including the library in Brookings. The same amount was yoked for last year.



WORK HAS BEGUN on Palmers Department Store, located on Chetco Avenue adjacent to the Weideman-Kessler Elk Building. The contracting work is being done by Roy Weideman.

HOLD BUDGET MEETING

Plywood To Have Meeting Sunday

The Brookings Plywood Co. will have their annual stockholders meeting this Sunday, June 12 beginning at 11:30 with registration. The meeting will open at 12:30 p.m.

No Improvement On North Bank Road This Year

Bad news was received by North Bank Chetco residents, when it was decided to hold up improvements on the road this year. The word came from county court member Robert Ismert, who said that Judge Forsyth had received information from the county relations engineer of the state highway department.

Another traffic count was taken on the road, and the count was higher than originally thought, so consequently the standards set up for the improvements wouldn't fit, so the only solution, Ismert said, would be to wait another year.

He said further, that in the long run it would be better for the residents in that area, as now they are planning on a 26 foot road, rather than a 24 foot road. Now they must make a new survey, and acquire more right of way for the road.

Plan Fireman's Ball On June 18th

The first annual Harbor Fireman's Ball will be held on Saturday, June 18 beginning at 9 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Harbor. The money raised will be used by the Harbor Rural Fire Protection District, recently formed.

The dance will feature a band, and refreshments will be served.

Young's 5-10 Store To Open Saturday

The Grand Opening of Young's 5-10 store will take place this Saturday, June 11th. The store will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, who were in business in Brookings for five years. They left just about a year ago, and returned to Brookings again after residing in Seaside, and one in Palm Springs.

The modern store will be 40 by 65 feet, and is located in the North Bank Building, filling the last vacancy in that place.

A big promotion is planned for Saturday by the Youngs, and free gifts will be given away. They will handle a complete line of variety type merchandise which constitutes, as Young said, "one of the most complete stores on the Oregon coast."

They will have a complete baby department, and a large assortment of yard goods, as well as pictures to mention a few.

Working for the store at present will be Virginia Littlefair, Helen Jackiewicz, and Bonnie Gates. Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Young will also help out on Opening Day.

The store will feature self-service, with shopping baskets and all.

Black Top Area In North Brookings

A large strip of area in front of several business places is being black topped this week. Right now the Pelican Bay black topping firm is working in front of the Northgate Building, and plan to have it completed by Saturday in time for the Grand Opening of Young's 5 and 10.

Next the area in front of the Campbell Building and in front of the Vaughn Building will be black topped. It is possible too that the area near the Richfield station will also be surfaced.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SPONSOR TOURIST HOST SCHOOL

The Brookings Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an educational program to inform business firms and employees in this area that come in contact with the tourist.

In order to increase the number of days a tourist spends in our area he must be sold on places to see and things to do and things to do. There are a number of ideal spots within driving distance for a days outing or for camping for a whole week. Wildflowers, cool springs, mountains, wildlids, and many other attractions that will aid in keeping these visitors in the area for more than just a drive through.

Tourist industry ranks third in the state of Oregon and it is estimated that by having each tourist spend an extra half day in Oregon that it would amount to more than 8 million dollars.

This is new money that is spent in each county, city in the state. The only way Brookings can increase its share of the tourist dollar is by being a good host.

station, restaurant, garage, gro-cation, restaurant, garage, grocery store, etc., you know your regular customers and when a visitor comes in, welcome him or her. Ask them if this is their first trip to our area.

By being friendly with these people you can find out if they are interested in camping, fishing, driftwood and other items the area has to hold them.

To start this program, the Chamber must know how many firms would send their employees to attend these meetings. The first meeting will show colored slides of camping sites along with personal comments by a local citizen.

Please call the Chamber of Commerce office and leave word with the secretary the date, time and how many from your firm will be present.

The Chamber will contact everyone when they have enough persons signed for these and advise you of the time and place.

The City Budget meeting was held Wednesday night at the city hall with only one person, E. L. Morton, appearing to inquire about the proposed 1955-56 city budget. Morton was interested in securing an explanation as to the \$50,000 figure and the \$14,752 figure listed in the budget as it appeared in the Pilot several weeks ago.

The item was explained to Morton, and other people that had inquired about it previously. The \$50,000 figure shown as a special assessment fund isn't on the budget as a tax amount to be raised, and consequently won't appear in the mill levy. It is a special assessment fund, of a special fund, put in the budget so that the city would be able to borrow against it if needed.

It is possible that a special assessment district would be set up in the city—as in the past, by the property owner in that special district, and then the city would borrow the money in order to pay off the contractors, so that the city wouldn't be on the hook, having to collect from the property owners in order to pay the contractor.

The \$14,752 is money estimated to be received from the State for paving streets, like the Hill-side project last year.

Actually, all the vote will be for is to tax for \$11,959 outside the six percent limitation. The total inside limitation to be raised by taxes is \$29,250.

Members of the budget committee were Roy Brimm, mayor; Earl Breuer, J. R. Yelton, Fell Campbell, and Clive Manley, councilmen. Archie Hendricks, Murray Palmer, Al Botzek, and Lynn Hampton.

The council also authorized the serving of a notice on Charles Grayshel, and Roy Weideman, giving them the opportunity to show why the recently constructed sidewalk in front of the Grayshel building is not conforming.

The council also discussed the new Palmer Department store building after hearing that there were complaints that the building will be out in front of the existing building some 42 inches. However the building does have the required set-back.

It was decided that Mayor Roy Brimm should ask the Planning Commission chairman, Roy Weideman, to call a special meeting to discuss the building before the permit is issued.

BOY MAKES SURE BUS WILL STOP FOR HIM

John Rapraeger, who is now six and will be going to school next fall, became worried last year that the school bus driver wouldn't know that he was going to school and wouldn't pick him up next September. In fact it bothered him so much that he asked his older sister, June Marie, to write a letter for him to John Peffley, who drove the bus on Ocean View Drive this year. June Marie did, telling Mr. Peffley for John that he was going to start to school next September, and to please be sure and stop and pick him up, as he wanted to go to school, and didn't want the bus to pass him up.

Now John is contented. Mr. Peffley answered his letter right away, and assured him that he would be sure to stop for him, and that he was certain that John would be one of the best behaved children riding on his bus. Now all that John needs is for the next three months to go real fast so that school will start.

START WORK ON 49 NEW HOMES

Long Power Outage Here

The power outage here Tuesday night was due mainly to the fog rolling in, according to the four man crew spent Tuesday night, until 4 a.m. trying to fix the outage here.

Russ Messer, of the local electric company, said that the first complete outage was at 8:18 and lasted until 1:45 and then went out again at 2:30 a.m. and went on to stay on at a little after 4 a.m.

The crew spent the night replacing insulators from the Lone Ranch to the State Line. It was difficult to spot the insulators out in the fog and dark. They managed to hook on to the Copco line after some time, and then came back on to their regular line Wednesday night.

Messer said that the Northwester brought fog, and salt deposits, along with dust makes conductors out of the insulators and the flashes kick the line out.

Mrs. Pearl Gillehan Wins This Weeks Prize

Winner of this week's prize award at the North Brookings prize night was Pearl Gillehan, a Smith River Housewife. She was awarded the prize Wednesday night in a drawing at the Texaco Station. She won a Kodak Flash Camera, with all the extras.

This Wednesday night the drawing will be at Vern's Bakery, and the prize will be an electric shaver. The 12th week prize in the promotion will be a 1955 Plymouth.

CHETCO GETS GRAVEL BEDS

More than 285 miles of new gravel homes were made available this past winter to trout, salmon and steelhead by the removal of barriers which were blocking fish migrations is the word from Walt Ryckman, chief of stream clearance, Oregon State Game Commission. According to Ryckman, it's been a busy winter for the stream clearance crews, with the removal of log jams which were holding back migrating fish, headlining the operations. Other improvement operations included the removal of abandoned splash or other dams, removal of old fish racks, remodeling of broken inadequate fishways, and the clearance of several large slides.

Throughout the state, more than 57 streams or their tributaries have been cleared of one obstacle or another which were blocking steelhead and salmon from reaching the upper spawning areas. The area of streams opened up by these operations were from 1 to 15 miles per stream, with a rough average of 5 miles per stream.

Some of the more important spawning streams cleared of blockades by the game commission include the Little and Big Elk, Salmon, Five Rivers, Yachats, Drift Creek, Schooner creek, Floras Creek, North Fork Chetco, Sixes.

TRAFFIC COUNT TAKEN IN CITY

City work superintendent Ralph Reed, used the state counters to take a traffic count of various points in the city of Brookings with an eye on what street the council will ask the state to help fix during the next year.

Reed found that Pioneer street was the busiest by far, on May 18, a Wednesday, when 1318 vehicles went down Pioneer, as compared with 711 on upper Easy street, and 491 on lower Easy and 631 on Oak street.

Payrolls Raise In Curry County

The payrolls in Curry County increased more than any other county in the state, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. Curry Co. payrolls increased 37.2 percent from 1953 to 1954, reaching a total of \$7,983,882.

The next counties were Sherman and Morrow which had percentages of 21.3 and 10.1 gain reported. Jackson and Douglas county did better in the dollars and cents column.

Increased construction, and plywood mill operations are credited for the payroll increase locally. 22 of the state's 36 counties reported payroll declines during the same period, partially due to the lumber strike last year.

Highway Group To Visit Coast

The Oregon State Highway Commission has announced plans for the first of its annual inspection trips of highways and state parks, leaving Portland on Monday, June 13. The trip will cover the Lower Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Coast Highway, the Redwood Highway, and the Pacific Highway. The number of people making the inspection tour includes the three Highway Commissioners, members of the legislative Highway Interim Committee, the Chief Engineer and part of his staff, the Parks Superintendent, representative of the Oregon State Motor Association, officials of the Bureau of Public Roads and the United States Forest Service, newspaper representatives, and members of the newly appointed State Parks Advisory Committee.

On Wednesday, the inspection party will visit Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Humburg Mountain Parks in the morning and the new highway now under construction between Rocky Point and Gold Beach. When this highway is completed, it will, in the opinion of Ben R. Chandler, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, rival the famed Amalfi Drive along the rugged coast of the blue Mediterranean in Italy. The party will have lunch in Gold Beach, From Gold Beach to Grants Pass where they will spend the night. The party will inspect road projects and parks en route.

Drivers License Examiner To Be Here June 23rd

The Drivers License Examiner will spend all day on Thursday, June 23rd in Brookings, in order to give better service in this area. The examiner, Thomas Baron, reports that he was so busy on his last trip down that he wasn't able to take care of everyone. The examiner will be at the City Recorder's Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All who wish to apply for a license should make their application well in advance of the closing hour.

Previously the examiner has been visiting for four hours, in the afternoon, every four weeks. His office is in North Bend.

Mr and Mrs. John Smook, of Vancouver, B.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Gust Fredricks, of Portland, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Wersch.

Work has begun on a 49 unit housing development in Brookings now under way in the Woodland Park Addition. The homes will be built by the Beresa Company.

T. R. Bechel, vice-president of the Beresa firm, whose offices is in Chico, California, said that the equipment, including cats and the like has arrived in Brookings, and work was to get underway Wednesday. Bechel said that they will start moving between 4 to 5 thousand yards of dirt to ready the plots for foundations. He expects that the foundations would start Monday, as soon as the official plans arrive.

Bechel said that some company men would be used, but that they hope to pick up some local labor. He said that there will be a payroll of about \$75,000 in the project. The men will total between 25 to 30 working on the homes. They generally will have to find their own housing while in Brookings, although some of the company men will come in their own trailers.

According to Bechel, his brother Emanuel Bechel will be the overall superintendent of the work here. The firm plans to have the houses complete by the middle of September, but has not set any definite plans for completion.

The homes will be three bedroom, and includes a variety of designs. The houses have all been sold, by the Leonard Real Estate Company, which has handled the selling transactions here.

Post Office Lobby To Be Open Until 9 P.M.

With recent repairs completed, including a fencing, and changing of boxes, the Post Office has announced new hours. The lobby will be open until 9 p.m. each evening, and from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Also Postmaster Bill Thompson said that a new deal on certified mail has been announced. Now certified mail will cost 15 cents. You can get a return receipt, which must be signed for. It goes in regular 1st class mail, and can be dropped in any mail box. Receipts will be held in the receiving P.O. for six months.

Thompson said mail is coming in from Portland and eastern mail by bus. It will be in the box by approximately 10 p.m.

SHRINE MEETING TO BE JUNE 15

All Shriners are urged to attend a Shrine Club meeting to be held at the Cliff House on Wednesday, June 15. A social hour will be held at 7 p.m. and a dinner at 8:00 p.m. There will be a business meeting at 9 p.m. and an election of officers. Those attending are asked to wear their fez.

BROOKINGS WINS DOG LICENSE AUTHORIZATION

Brookings was authorized last week by the county court to sell dog licenses to dog owners within the city limits. Under the order, the city keeps 80 percent of the proceeds and transmits 20 percent to the county.

Brookings dog licenses can be picked up on Saturday, from 9 to 12 at the Police Station, behind the Fire Hall. Those requesting dog licenses are asked to bring a description of the dog, and name. Every dog must have a license.

TO HAVE DINNER

The Star of the Sea Alter Society, in cooperation with the men's club is sponsoring a victory dinner, to help celebrate their successful Parish Support program. The dinner will be held at the V.F.W. Hall at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12th.