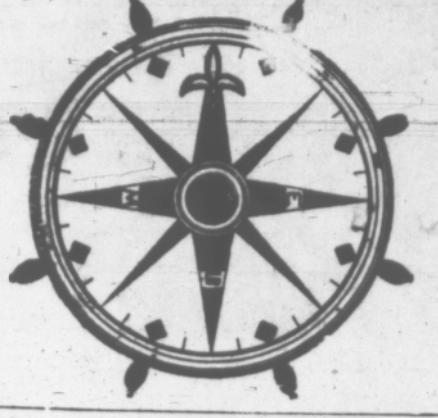


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The SKETCHBOOK



by *But Pisarek*

Bob Swanson was a genial host, and an excellent guide, as he showed my in-laws through the Plywood plant last weekend.

I wanted especially to have Bob do it to prove to my Scandinavian relatives (from my wife's side, of course) that we on the coast have imported some of those herding chokers from far off places like Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Swanson and Larsen really moved along smoothly, enjoying every minute of the tour. Imagine what happened when they met up with Shorty Mickelson, a REAL Norser!

The entire trip through the plant was interesting and lots of fun. So many of the workers there are very friendly and willing to explain the particular operation they are engaged in. It's things like that that sell the community to people from visiting communities.

Relative from other sides of other families connected with the PILOT are heard from every now and then too. Take Mrs. Murphy's mother, Mrs. Ethel Muth. She very religiously reads every bit of the paper. This column twice I'm sure. Well, she sends word that some one dropped the "Nowhere A Finer Climate" from the paper's masthead. Someone in the back shop has taken this fog too seriously.

Of course the last straw as far as the weather and my father-in-law are concerned took place early drizzly Wednesday morn. As we drove toward the shop with the windshield wipers happily clicking away we noticed the Beresa Homes being constructed. The wife's pater said, "the Chamber of Commerce must really indoctrinate everyone, back home the workers wouldn't think of even leaving the house. Here work continues regardless." I had to explain that was just liquid sunshine. I've been indoctrinated too.

TAKE R.O.T.C. TRAINING
Ronald Akers left Saturday, and reported Sunday for McCord Air Force Base, near Tacoma, Wash., where he will undergo R.O.T.C. summer training. He will be at base about a month. He was home just a week from Oregon State College.

DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE
Chief Bud Cross reported that there are still dogs loose in the city without dog licenses. The licenses can be picked up at the Police Station in back of the city hall from 9 to 12 a.m. on Saturday morning.

THREE BROOKINGS STUDENTS ON TV
Three students of Blossom Beech were on KEM-TV last Thursday evening, on the Cal-Ore Panorama show. Appearing were Susie Kay Martin, ballet, Greg Beech, cowboy tap, and Dianne Cargill, Oriental Acrobatic. Susie Kay also played a tango on the piano.

Plan Grand Opening
The grand opening of a new jewelry store here will be held this weekend, Friday and Saturday. The new store will be operated by Harold Moore, formerly of John Day, Oregon.
The store is located in the Gray-shel building, which was completely remodeled.

BISHOP DAGWELL TO VISIT HERE
The Right Reverend Benjamin D. Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, will be in Brookings Monday, June 27, for an Episcopal visitation. On Monday evening at 8 p.m., there will be a service at the church, at which a number of people will be presented for the Apostolic rite of Laying on of Hands for Confirmation of their Baptismal vows. A reception for the Bishop and those who are to be Confirmed will follow the service.



THE CHETCO RIVER RACES sponsored by the Brookings-Harbor Lions club brought out a large crowd Sunday noon to view the speedy byes and their crew. Above is a view of the landing spot for the boats, looking towards the Chetco bridge. Out of town entries and local men raced. The trophy awards are shown on the table at left, with Lions Ralph Reed, and Bill Houvila looking on.

Take Body Of Man Out Of Chetco River

CHIMNEY FIRE REPORTED

A Chimney fire brought out the city fire truck Wednesday noon to the R. A. Henderson home. No damage was reported in the alarm, however.

Phone Rates Are Going Up

New local telephone rates for Brookings were approved last Thursday by the Oregon State Public Utilities Commission. The rates will be as follows: Residence one party, \$5.30; two party, 3.70; four party, 3.70; suburban or ten party, 3.70. The rates on business phones is as follows: one party, 7.50; two party, 6.60; four party, 5.60; and suburban or ten party, 5.60.

The total rate allowed by the commission amounts to 498,417.00 annually. The Company asked for a yearly rate increase of \$826,750 to offset the rising costs of wages, materials, equipment and other expenses, George McBride, district manager said.

WARNS ON CARE OF BEACH FIRES

The fire department has recommended to the city council that the fire permit ordinance not be enforced for picnic fires on the beach. The city will be lenient in this enforcement of the law as long as the privilege is not abused, according to fire chief, Val Mendenhall.

In the past there have been many fires left by careless people in the driftwood on the beaches. Much damage and anxiety have been caused by these reckless people.

When building a fire, Mendenhall said, keep it away from the rest of the driftwood and be sure it is out before you leave. Sand is an easy extinguisher for beach fires.

Anyone caught leaving an unattended fire will have to answer to the city judge. Mendenhall said, but of course prevention is the first issue. Anyone seeing an unattended fire is asked to put it out.

V.F.W. Post, Auxiliary Install Officers Here

Curry County Post No. 966, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary held a joint installation of officers at the VFW Hall Wednesday evening. Jules Koehler and Bertha Whirry were the installing officers with Ezra Ross as Officer of the Day and Margery Moore, Conductress.

The officers for the Post are as follows: Commander, Frank Kelley; Senior Vice-commander, Benjamin Jones; Junior Vice-Commander, Russel Messer; Adjutant, Jules Koehler; Adjutant, Howard Wallace; Chaplain, Milton Foster; Judge Advocate, Arthur Bollinger; Surgeon, Lee Rice; Trustee, Al Phillips; and Service Officer, Max Brainard a position he has filled for the past 17 years. Al Phillips is the outgoing commander.

The officers of the Auxiliary are as follows: President, Clara Bowling; Senior Vice-president, Edith Hynes; Junior Vice-president, Dorothy Harnsey; Chaplain, Harriet Baker; Treasurer, Bernadine Kelley; Conductress, Marjorie Moore; Assistant Conductress, Ermadee LaBarge; Musician, Alice Putnam; Assistant Musician, Alice Beem; Trustee, Henriette Dill; Guard, Matilda Pate; Secretary, Amber Campbell; Historian, Eleanor Koehler; Patriotic Instructor, Bertha Whirry; Color Bearers, Dorothea Webb, Lydia Bowman, Ethel Molino and May Stark. A Past Presidents pin was presented the outgoing president, Henriette Dill, and a membership brooch to Ermadee La Barge who has been the Chaplain for the past three years.

Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed with the members of the Post serving the refreshments. A strawberry shortcake feed is planned for the first.

Hunter Harwood, brother of Mrs. Clive Manley, visited the Manleys this week. Harwood, a Chief Petty Officer, now stationed in Treasure Island, California, drove up Tuesday from California and was due to report back on Thursday. His daughter, Elizabeth 6, will be staying with the Manleys for a time.

The remains of "Piney" Van Pelt were recovered from the Chetco River Monday morning, thus ending a six-month mystery over what happened to the well known Brookings man.

Van Pelt disappeared on January 17, during a violent winter rainstorm. At the time evidence pointed to the possibility of him having fallen into the river, while crossing the Chetco bridge. Boards were missing from the bridge walk, leading people to believe that he had fallen.

Also at that time it was discovered that his clothes at home were untouched, and a paycheck remained. However, nothing further was discovered on the disappearance until Monday.

The body was in fair shape, considering it had been in the water six months. Identification was made by the clothing and the size of the body.

Graveside services were held at the Ward Memorial Cemetery, Thursday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Willard Spencer officiating. The Local VFW Post furnished the honors. Brown's Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

Pinch was born at Harbor, August 23, 1915, the son of John and Jessamine Van Pelt, into one of the earliest local families. His grandfather, Thomas Van Pelt, settled between the Chetco and Whitchuck Rivers in the early 50's. He left many relatives and among those of his close kin surviving are his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Dill, sister and brother, John Jasper. There are also several half sisters and half brothers.

Pinch was in the army almost five years from September 1940, and was at Schofield Barracks, near Pearl Harbor, while the area was being bombed by the Japanese, December 7, 1941.

Returning, he worked, steadily, around Rogue River and Brookings.

Wins Power Mower

Kay McGinnis won the power mower Wednesday night in the weekly award given by the North Brookings Booster group. Next weeks drawing will be for a Parker pen and pencil set and will be at Crook and Raymond's Union Oil Station Wednesday night.

Gladys Kanick Is Victor In School Board Election Here

Name The School Contest Slated

What about a name for the two elementary and junior high school buildings? Are you getting tired of calling them the grade school, and the "old high school?" That's all going to be taken care of this fall.

A contest will be held in the fall, and the children in each building will submit names. Judging consisting of students, teachers and townspeople will pick the winning names and the appropriate name plates will be put on the buildings.

Hampton Accepts Vale School Job

Lynn O. Hampton, who was superintendent of the Brookings-Harbor school district for eight years, has accepted a similar position in Vale, Oregon.

Hampton will be district superintendent there. The community in Eastern Oregon, near the Idaho line, The Hamptons will be leaving Brookings shortly for the new post.

Hampton attended Pacific College, the University of Oregon, and just recently received a Masters degree in education from Southern Oregon College of Education.

Services Friday For Peter Fitzhugh

Funeral services for Peter Richard Fitzhugh 58, of Crescent City, will be held at the Brookings Seventh Day Adventist Day Church, Friday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. with the Elder Melvin Tompkins officiating. Interment will be in the Ward Memorial Cemetery, Brown Mortuary in charge.

Mr. Fitzhugh was born in Sixes, Oregon, the son of Richard and Mary Fitzhugh. For the past 20 years he has resided at Crescent City, while most of his family lived in Brookings. On June 13, 1946 at Virginia City, Nevada, he was united in marriage to Virginia Inman, who survives. After a long illness, he passed away Wednesday morning at the home of his sister, Iva Kruger of Brookings.

Survivors include his widow, his mother, Mrs. Mary Fitzhugh of Brookings; 3 brothers, George of Brookings, and Raymond and Melvin of Crescent City; 3 sisters, Mrs. Iva Kruger of Brookings, and Mrs. Dave Satterfield and Mrs. Buelah Jenkins of Harbor.

SOPHIE JONES PASSES AWAY

One of Curry County's older residents passed away, gently about six in the evening of June 17th.

Sophie Wallen Jones was born some 87 years ago, on the island of Visby, in Sweden, married Charles E. Jones, Dec. 4, 1894, coming to live, in 1914, with her family, in what later became the Brookings area. They spent several years just north of what is now the city until the family home was built, now occupied by the Andrew Bondes, and was then on the main county road.

Mrs. Jones was the mother of Carl, Frances, Olaf, Elsa, Eric, Amanda, Benjamin, and Eva, of whom surviving locally are son, Benjamin and daughter Amanda, now Mrs. Doyle Garvin of Smith River. She was an early and always active member of the Chetco Grange and of The Ladies Auxiliary, VFW.

Despite failing health Mrs. Jones maintained to the end, a keen and calm interest in all going on about her and abiding comfort and faith in a handy, large print Swedish Psalter, whose words had guided her through life since her earliest memory.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones of Brookings, were held Wednesday, June 22, 1955, at 2:00 p.m. in the Baptist Community Church with the Rev. Walter Sadler officiating. Brown's Mortuary was in charge. Interment was in the Smith River Cemetery.

Plywood Industry Holds Meeting

Two men from Brookings Plywood Corp., John Connors, plant superintendent, and Ray Reaser, president of the firm, were among the more than 1200 fir plywood manufacturers and executives and plywood distributors and suppliers from all over the nation to attend the 1955 annual meeting of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association in Portland.

The "Golden Jubilee" of plywood was the theme for the largest gathering in history of the industry, held in the city where the first plywood panel was manufactured as a novelty display for the 1905 Portland Lewis and Clark World's Fair exposition.

Since that date, the fir plywood industry has been marked by spectacular growth for a single panel into a near \$500 million a year business employing more than 31,000 persons in Oregon, and Northern California. More than 40 billion feet of plywood panels have been manufactured since 1905.

Main speaker for plywood's biggest meeting was Lieut. Gen. Leslie Groves, Army director of the renowned "Manhattan Project," which made the first atomic bomb during World War II.

CONCRETE BLOCK ARRIVES HERE FOR SCOUT BUILDING

The second load of concrete building blocks for the new Boy Scout building has arrived, according to Mike Page, one of the organizers of the building committee here for the Boy Scout building.

About 32 tons of block were delivered through the courtesy of Ted Freeman, and the Brookings Livestock and Trucking company. The load arrived Thursday morning, and the group of volunteers were rounded up to unload the blocks.

Contributions for the blocks are coming along slowly but those interested in buying blocks for the new building are asked to contact members of the building committee.

UMPOUA TRIP

Forty Explorer Scouts, including four from Brookings, will take a canoe trip up the Umpqua River starting Sunday near Roseburg. It will take the group about a week to make the trip. They will finish near Scottsburg. The boys from Brookings are Spud Hale, David Bushnell, Jerry Smith, and Gale Smith.

Kim Wha Soon Is Adopted By Brookings Beta Sigma Phi Group

During the recent Korean War the parents of Kim Wha Soon disappeared, whether they were killed or taken captive no one knows. Thus left alone, Wha Soon simply lived in the streets until picked up in a pathetic condition by some G.I.'s who looked after her until they were sent up front.

Eventually the child was taken to the Christian Children's home near Seoul, Korea.

Although the home was first established in 1919, it has gone through the torments and tragedies of invasions and gunfire meant for nearby Seoul and although it was evacuated and later burned, it has been rebuilt on the same farm land under cultivation of the older orphans.

The Christian Children Fund, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia is now the home's supporting mainstay. By contributing ten dollars a month any person or organization may adopt one of the children in twenty-seven different countries. Also receive pictures and personal information on the child and may also send personal gifts and correspond with the child who stays in the home.

In Korea, ten dollars a month, will cover the cost of keeping one child, the personal needs, such as food and clothing.

Beta Iota Chapter on Beta Sigma Phi has adopted Kim Wha

Gladys Kanick, who will be leaving the city recorder's office as of July 1st, has taken on another assignment. She won, rather easily the school board director election, held Monday afternoon, in the Brookings-Harbor school district 17C.

Mrs. Kanick piled up 76 votes in a typically slow school election, far ahead of her nearest competitors for the post. Archie McVay tallied 45 votes, Dr. Paul Romniger 43 votes, and Erskine Miller 6 votes.

Mrs. Kanick was elected for a five year term, to succeed Virgil Goldsberry, who has served the post five years. The office will take effect on July 1st.

Others on the school board are Dr. Richard Smith, E. L. Rapraeger, and Bill Thomson. Mrs. Kanick has served as city clerk-recorder since the incorporation of the city. She has two children.

Teachers Need Homes

New teachers are coming into Brookings looking for a place to live, according to school clerk Mrs. Beaulieu. Two especially will need a small house, either furnished or unfurnished in Brookings, available by August 15th.

If anyone has, or knows of such a place, he is requested to call the school.

The teaching roster is filling up fairly well, although several are to be signed yet. Mr. Williams, the new superintendent of school has been doing the signing. He will return to Brookings on July 5 to make his home here.

CHETCO RACES WELL ATTENDED

Winners of the Brookings-Harbor Lion's club Chetco River Races prize awards were Tom Dent, first who won a projector and camera; Harriet Baker, who won a clock-radio; and Cathy Houvila, who won a rod and reel.

The boat races were well attended, and moved along swiftly, although the day was drab. Lions club president, Al Phillips said that another race may be planned for fall if the weather holds up.

BROOKINGS BOYS AT BEAVER STATE

Three boys who attended Beaver Boys State from Brookings were Dave Bushnell, Ron Bullock and Doug Hammes. The youths were sponsored by the American Legion Post 138, with Bill Hammond as commander.

The boys reported wonderful food, and the fact that they kept very busy on the tight schedule during their stay on the campus at Oregon State College in Corvallis.

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