

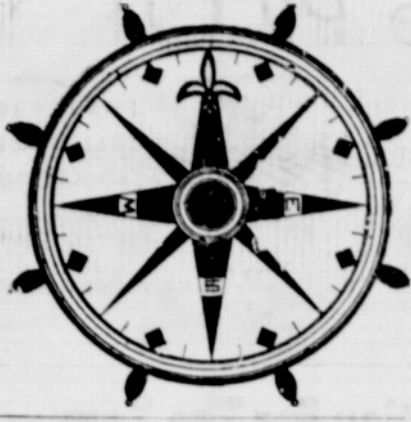
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## CITY TO APPLY FOR CHETCO WATER RIGHTS

### Rain, Trouble Hits Water Co.

A shot in the arm in the form of an unscheduled rain, and another act of vandalism were included in a busy week for the Brookings Water Company.

The rain, reported at 6 tenths of an inch, Tuesday, in a month that is usually dry helped out a lot. It at least watered the lawns of Brookings residents. The Water Company reported that it won't know what effect it will have on the water supply for several days, however.

The restrictions in sprinkling, car washing and the like, are still in force, the company said, and continuing cooperation of the people in conserving water has been asked.

The Water Company reported that some users have used almost as much water in July with the restrictions on, as in June.

A written notice will be provided when the restrictions are lifted, the company said.

The act of vandalism is another in the series that has been plaguing the company. Late Monday morning the pressure in about half of Brookings went down, and then went completely off.

Residents figured that the water supply was out, but that was not the case. A foreman of the water company found that one of the valves at the Ransom Creek reservoir had been shut off.

Because of the nature of the thing it took until Monday night before the cause for the water outage was found.

The serious water shortage problem for the city of Brookings was the main item for discussion at the Brookings Council meeting Tuesday night. Councilmen approved a motion calling for application to the state for the water rights for the Chetco River, which could be converted as a city supply at some later date.

The discussion included the report that two Public Utility Engineers were in Brookings recently and inspected the present Brookings Water Company's system. However Mayor Brimm pointed out that no money is included in the budget this year to authorize a survey on water this year, although councilmen were in agreement that a real problem existed, and that something should be done about it.

Fire Chief Val Mendenhall said that he was worried about a fire, because of the low pressure in the pipe, and said that if a fire started half the town could burn.

The possibility of taking water out of the Chetco was discussed at length. Mayor Brimm was authorized to file for city water rights.

The P.U.C. engineers were inspecting the present system because of the shortage. They reported that the Brookings Water Company needed a valve for the present dam, which would cost about \$3500, but because the Water Company is not realizing enough profit the P.U.C. could not force them to buy the valve.

A letter from the P.U.C. was read concerning water on Memory Lane, stating the Water Co. has promised service as soon as possible after finishing current work on Easy Street.

Also the council discussed setting up a special assessment district on Del Norte lane for the purpose of paving that street. A notice of hearing will be published on the proposed project as soon as petitions are secured from property owners interested, and a description of the district involved is presented.

A letter from Elmer Dams was read criticizing the city for their part in allowing the U.S. National Bank and the Weideman Kessler Building to hook into the state storm drain with their sewage. Owners of both buildings have received notice to cut sewage into the storm drain.

The council felt that the city had nothing to do with their hooking into the storm sewer, and to sit back and let the participants feel was that the city was just in the argument right it out.

City Attorney Ed Ackley was asked to write to Attorney Schuler to see if his report on the marketability of the proposed sewer bond could be hurried up so that an election can be held in September.

Councilman Foll Campbell was asked to find out who would be willing to take over leasehold on the proposed hospital which may be built here in connection with a clinic for Dr. Rominger and Dr. McKenna. He was asked to get the feeling of the people on the question, and to ask the citizens committee their opinion on the matter.

The council also heard about 10 letters of recommendation read mostly from Hood River, commending the new police officer, Jim Judd.

**Bowling Meeting Is Set For Friday**  
Bowling is just around the corner. The Brookings Bowling Association has called a meeting for Friday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Azalea Lanes. Officers for the coming year will be elected and league schedules planned.

Team captains and sponsors are especially urged to attend so as to have priority in selecting night and time for coming season.

The alleys will be turned over to the group for free bowling time following the meeting, and refreshments will be served.

The alleys have been receiving a resurfacing during the past two weeks, and will be re-opened to the public on Monday, August 1.

## Building Hits Million Mark Again

The lusty building boom in Brookings has cracked the million mark for the second straight year—topping it in 1955 with still five months remaining.

The addition of the permits for the Beresa tract, 49 homes, shot the building in Brookings up to \$1,013,455, easily a record in itself.

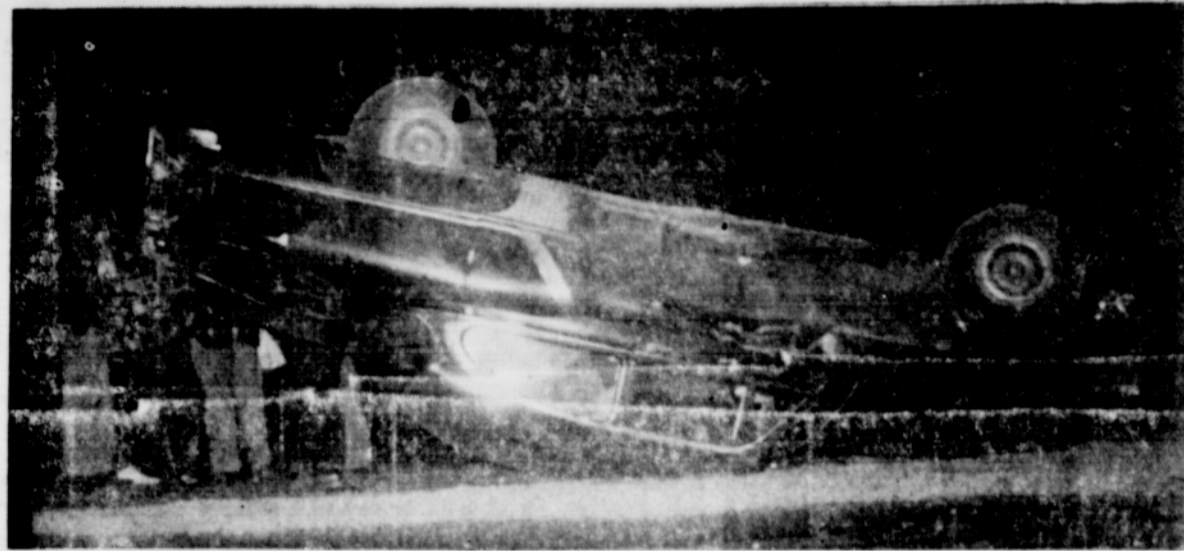
Last year—an exceptional year for a community this size saw the million mark reached on December 14. Last year the major portion of the new buildings were commercial—and included the new school building. This year, commercial building continued with several important additions, but the majority was in the new construction.

About 69 houses have either been built, or are in the construction stage right now. The Beresa units, of course, are the big items in this department. The cost of construction on that development runs about \$514,000.

However, according to Pop Reed the city work superintendent, many more houses are in the planning stage.

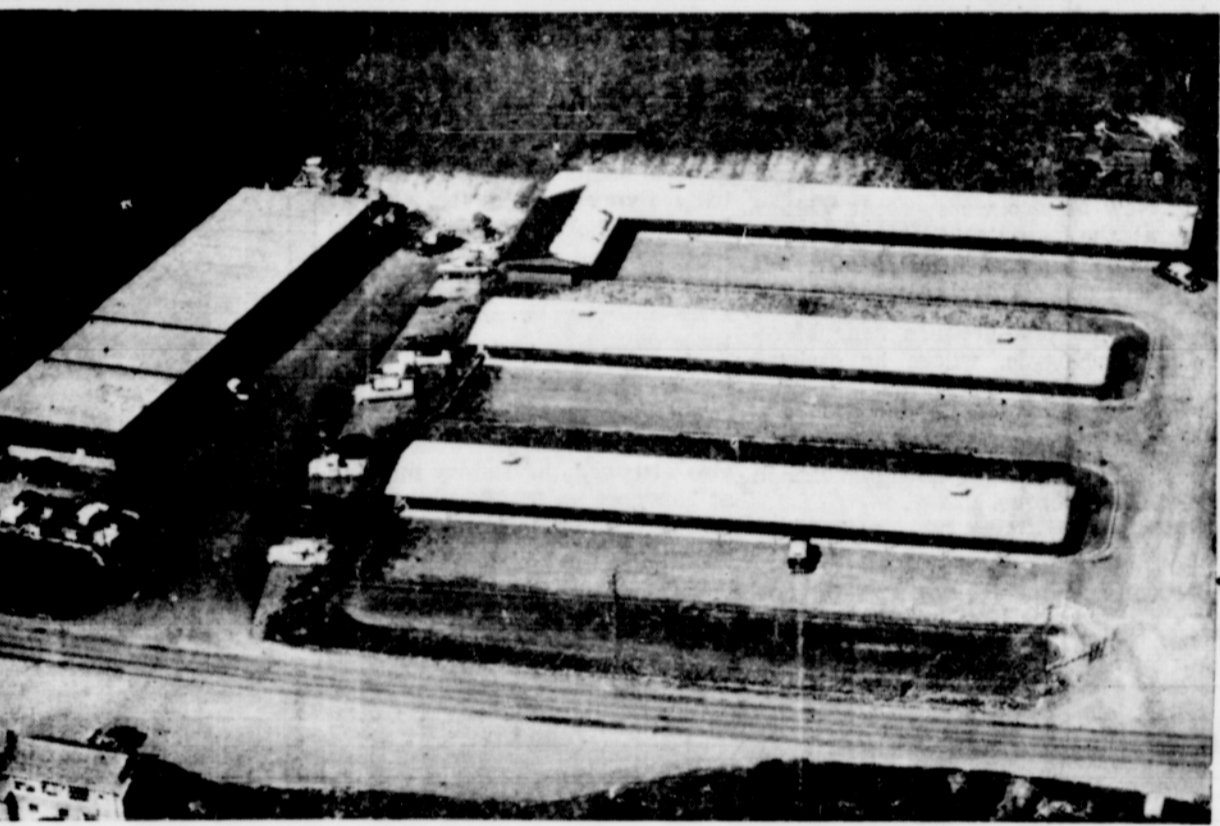
Commercial building included the new Palmer building, which is nearly completed. That building cost approximately \$22,000. Also completed is the Goetz building, Hewitt's Anchorage, and extensive remodeling of the Grayson building and C. "Ed" Dempsey's Agency among others.

No slack-up appears either. Plans have been announced for a new clinic and possible hospital. Other building renovations have been planned as well.



THIS 1951 OLDS did a complete flip south on highway 101 near the Winchuck bridge Saturday night at about 9:30 p.m. There were no injuries to the driver or passenger, college students who were camped at Harris Beach Park. Excessive speed on the curve was given as the cause. The car flipped over three times, and came to rest upside down in the center of the road. The wrecker arrived 30 minutes after the mishap and the police over an hour after the wreck.

— Doug Goldsberry Photo



THE SALE OF THE BONN MOTEL was reported this week, with the new owners supposed to take possession on August first. The new owners, from Seattle, will also manage the 37 unit Motel.

## Report Bonn Sale

The sale of the Bonn Motel was reported this week at a cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000. The Motel has been on the market for the past few months, and the actual sale of the big 37 unit motel was no surprise.

The Motel, located on the north edge of Brookings, was owned by Ray Peppin of Vancouver. Purchasers were Mrs. Irene Shaffer, and Mrs. Smith, both of Seattle. The transaction was supposed to be effective on August 1st. The Engle's Real Estate Co. of Garden City, California, handled the transaction.

Managers of the motel, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Moore will be staying in one of the units for a time. They are presently moving out of the managers home.

Present plans of the Moores call for Emil to Palm Springs for a job there, while Mrs. Moore will take a vacation trip back east.

The Bonn Motel will be entering its 4th year in August and the Moores have been managing it during this entire time.



LIONS HELP move books into the new Library building. Shown are Lion president Al Phillips, Joe Kaniek, Joe Sayre, and Dan Stiers. The new building was open for inspection for the first time Sunday.

## GIVE NEW LIBRARY KEYS TO CITY

A successful goal was reached after ten years of hard work on Sunday afternoon, when the keys of the new library were presented to the city.

Mrs. Hazel Hendry, first president of the Harbor Community Club made the presentation. It was under her guidance that the building fund was begun in 1945. Since that time project after project has diverted hundreds of dollars from the club into an account set aside for the building of a library.

Jim Yelton represented Mayor Roy Brimm at the ceremony. Tea was served by the Community Club under the leadership

of Mrs. Grace Edwardson, president. The beautiful floral decorations were arranged and placed by the Garden Club.

The books were housed for a time in rent-free quarters in the Central Building by Elmer Bank us, also in the Brookings Hotel when that space was no longer available the VFW provided men and trucks to move the library into a room of its hall near the school. There the books remained for the last four years, rent-free, as a community service by the veterans.

Among the librarians were Miss Mary Cavitt, Mrs. Dorothy Lock-

### FORMER RESIDENT, ED INGRAM DIES

Edgar C. Ingram, of Orinda, California died on July 17, according to word received here by Pete Lesmeister who handles Ingrams property here. Ingram is a former resident of Brookings. He was supposed to leave on July 20 for a Brookings visit, but he was buried on that date.

### pipe dreams



by joe murphy

Rev. Henry Ostermeier made a talk at Rotary Tuesday concerning the different persons that the congregation expects their minister to be, administration, education, and the rest. I noticed most of the Rotarians figuring out just what their many duties are in their respective positions.

Naturally came up with a list of my own, which I believe is as long as Rev. Ostermeier's. People expect us to be proficient in the following departments. Pressmen, editors, publishers, proof-readers, public relations men, printer's devils, make-up men, janitors, artists, walking Chamber of Commerce, photographers, mechanics, janitors, teachers, writers, prophets, book keepers, office girls, salesmen, printers. All this and then I am a father too. I am going to refuse to say that I do all of them well, except for the latter.

A lot of people are firmly convinced that the recent rain in Brookings was the direct result of Elmer Bankus praying for it. Several people claim the fact that they washed their cars Sunday did it.

It certainly was encouraging to note that the building in Brookings has gone over the million mark for the second straight year. Not only in Brookings, however, has the building been so spectacular, but in Harbor and other immediate areas houses are going up in great numbers. Naturally these don't show on the records, but they are being built just the same.

Our new superintendent of schools prefers to be called "D.D." This does not, and I repeat does not refer to the school children, who will, I assume, call him Mr. Williams.

He disclosed some wonderful plans in developing a school recreational area. The long range plans include a tennis court, which along with a pool table, is right down my alley. When the court is complete (unless I've aged too much by that time) I will challenge anyone in the city. Certainly you have heard of Don Budge in the tennis world. Well, I am known as "Won't Budge."

### Accident Nearly Puts Bus Into Creek Canyon

A Greyhound bus and a logging truck collided north of Brookings Sunday night. Only one person was hurt, but only a few small trees kept the bus from hurtling down into Meier's Creek Canyon.

The accident occurred after the bus left Brookings about midnight Sunday on a regular scheduled run with 18 passengers aboard. Around the curve just across the Meiers creek bridge the truck and bus collided, sending the bus over the embankment. One woman passenger was badly shaken up and was taken to the Gold Beach hospital. She was released the next day. None of the passengers were local.

Both the truck and the bus were badly damaged in the accident.



NORTH BROOKINGS prize winner Mrs. Al Botzik is shown as she won \$50 grocery award last Wednesday evening at the weekly drawing. Hundreds of people have been attending the drawings. This Wednesday night's winner was Lawrence Frank, who lives up the Chetco. Frank won a pop-up toaster. Next weeks prize will be an electric skillet, and the drawing will be in front of Dunning Motors.