

SKETCHBOOK



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Several people are after my head. At least three amateur barbers have offered their services insofar as my beautiful golden locks are concerned.

To save face, and also head, I figure on letting a bonafide barber do the job.

Or maybe I should put the project out on bids. Better than that I think I'll appoint a committee to look into the deal. They in turn can advise the budget committee.

But, I think I have troubles. Look at Tike, of Kerr Hardware bowling fame, Rattke. When Tike indulged in matrimony, the Pilot erroneously had him marrying his mother-in-law. When his wife gave birth to his son... that's right, we gave "credit" to his brother Bob. The last straw came last week. His younger brother, Gomar enters into the picture. It seems Gomar's wife had a baby. Well we finally got Tike's name in print. By now you guessed it. The PILOT reported Tike (leave my name out of the papers) Rattke as father.

We now blame all these errors on the young upstart putting in time in the front office, name of M. S. Brainard. So please channel all complaints through Max. For every complaint you bring in Max will talk you into one additional subscription to the PILOT. Who knows, some of you may walk out of the office with as many as ten subscriptions renewals

Walking Blood Bank Scores Here Again

The Brookings Walking Blood Bank was very active this week. Three donors reported Thursday night to give blood to Robert Thompson, who was bleeding from ulcer trouble. Donating were Vi Wallace, Mrs. Tom Doherty, and also Mrs. E. E. Hanscam, Jr., who had the wrong type blood.

Bob Dick, Harold Thompson, and Margerie Benson gave blood to Robert Thompson also. Dick Sund and Earl Eikenberry gave blood Sunday morning to Mrs. Helen Fauserso, who had a baby Sunday.

Plywood To Start Shut Down Here

The Brookings Plywood plant will start to shut down, this Saturday, for annual vacations. The plant will be closed a week during which much needed repair work will be done, especially the re-lining of the furnace in the power house.

Several repair jobs could not be attended to until the whole plant was down. Shifts will return to routine August 28th. About 150 men will be off work.

Chetco Grange Fair Booth Takes Second Place

The community booth prepared by the members of Chetco Grange took second place at the Curry County Fair at Gold Beach last week. Ed Ravekes was chairman of the committee, and he was assisted by Mrs. Edna Weigel, Mrs. Ruby Harvey, Mrs. Wilda Carson, Frank Kelley, Benjamin Jones, and Mrs. Ravekes.

New Tax Levy Rate Released For Curry County

The new tax assessment figures for Curry County were released by George Sutton, county assessor. They show a considerable increase in assessment rates throughout the county, due primarily to increased school costs.

Brookings has a millage total of 126.2, larger than any other county area. It compares to mill levies of 110 for Gold Beach, and 125.1 for Port Orford.

Brookings has a city assessment of 27.3, while Port Orford pays a huge 46.9 to support their city government. Gold Beach will pay 21.9 to the city.

Other totals include those in the Brookings-Harbor area who will pay 98.9, and those in the Harbor rural fire protection district who will pay 103.2.

Total for Agness is 72; Ophir 81.1; Pistol River 68.2. The rural school board which includes all county areas except Brookings, will pay 50.6 mills, as opposed to 44.8 for last year.

SAFETY BELT SAVES DOCTOR

Dr. Paul Ronniger credits a newly installed safety belt with saving his life in an auto accident last Wednesday night, when his car went out of control and smashed into a culvert.

Dr. Ronniger had just installed the safety belt three days before. He was on his way to Crescent City in a race with the stork, when an approaching car swerved in front of him, forcing him off the road.

Ronniger's car, a Cadillac, hit the shoulder and plunged into a ditch, hitting the culvert. The accident happened in Smith River along highway 101.

The car's door flew open, and Ronniger said that if it weren't for the belt, he would have flown out. He suffered only a bloody nose, and bruised ribs. A passing motorist gave him a ride to Seaside Hospital, where he delivered the baby as scheduled.

The Cadillac was a total wreck, and Ronniger traveled to Los Angeles this week to pick up a new one.

Well Child Clinic Friday At School

There will be a Well Child Clinic at the Brookings Grade School on August 19, Friday, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Dr. Ronniger will give physical examinations and immunizations, assisted by Dorothea Miller, Public Health Nurse. There will also be a make-up clinic for second polio shots at this time.

Start Work On New Buildings

Construction Begun On New Union Bulk Plant

Work is in progress on a new Union bulk plant and distribution station, to be operated in conjunction with the Union service station on highway 101 North.

The building is being constructed by Al Dillinger, of North Bend who also built the service station. Tom McKenzie will be doing the grading and digging work, the Horton Brothers will do the concrete block work, Blaine Gribble will do the carpenter work, and Ray Dillinger, just out of 32 years in the army, will do the pipe work.

The structure will be behind the station and will have a 10 thousand, and a five thousand gallon tank underground. It will have two grades of gas, diesel and stove oil.

The building will be modern in construction, with a porcelain finish. It will have a unique, new type of special underground pump, made in Germany, that will set right in the bottom of the tanks.

REPORT VINCENT BUILDING SALE

The Vincent building in downtown Brookings was sold this week to Gary Morris, former Lakeview, Oregon skating rink operator, who recently purchased Young's Motel here.

Morris will put in a fountain, and dairy bar, and will sell homemade ice cream, lunches and the rest.

Remodeling and fixing up the building will begin shortly, but the remodeling work will be concentrated on the inside at first, and the outside will be improved at a later date.

The building also houses Gould's Shoe Store, which will remain as formerly.

The building was purchased from Ralph Vincent in Portland this week end, and was handled by the Leonard Real Estate Co. Vincent has owned the building since 1948.

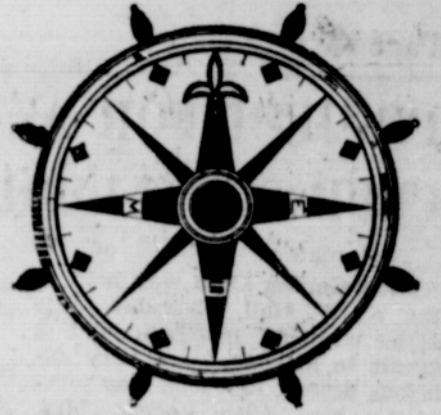
Also the apartments upstairs will be renovated, it was reported.

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101 IMPROVEMENT PLANNED HERE

RONNIGER NAMED TO BOARD MAY RE-ALIGN HIGHWAY 199

A major highway 101 improvement will take place within the city limits of Brookings yet this year.

The Oregon State Highway Commission, through its Chief Engineer, R. H. Baldock, informed E. L. Morton, Brookings, at a conference in Ashland over the last week end, that approval has been given for re-alignment of Highway 101 from Brookings north to Harris Beach State Park.

According to Baldock, the dangerous Arderson curve will be eliminated and the present four lane highway through Brookings will be continued north to take in the new business section, past the Richfield station and ending approximately at Arnold Lane.

The estimated cost of these improvements is \$160,000. Mr. Baldock stated that the work from Harris State Beach Park to Pistol River would begin as soon as the funds are available. Present estimates show this cost at \$5,000,000 and from Pistol River to Gold Beach at \$12,000,000 more.

COUNCIL HAS SPECIAL SESSION

The Brookings council met Tuesday night for a special session, called primarily to discuss the city's finances with the budget committee, so that the committee would be better versed in what has been taking place in the city.

Also the council discussed the Beresa project, and heard some criticism in the sewer line plan. Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, was present to represent the Beresa firm.

The council also talked about the possibility of getting a water survey made in Brookings, and discussed the ways and means for raising funds for the survey.

Ray Shanahan, local well driller, made a proposition to the city, saying that he will drill a well for nothing, unless he would hit enough water for the city use, then the city would pay him a certain percentage for a 20 year period.

Mr. Baldock further stated that the Commission was deeply appreciative of the attitude of the Brookings people in their assistance and patience. He also stated that the speed limit through the city would no doubt be reduced to twenty-five miles per hour to conform with general practice.

Work on the Brookings highway project should be started this year, he stated.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Any child who has had pre-school examination in one of the school clinics who is leaving the County to enter school should contact the Curry County Health Office to obtain their papers.

WORK ON BRIDGE

Construction has begun on a triangular apron on the down side of the north end of Rogue River bridge, at Wedderburn. This huge concrete structure will accommodate traffic approaching or leaving the bridge via the reconstructed Highway 101, from the north.

Winchuck 4-H Club Take Fair Prizes

All the members of the Winchuck 4-H Livestock club took prizes on some of their exhibits at the Curry County Fair in Gold Beach last week. They were accompanied there by their leaders Mrs. Irene Crump, and Mrs. Thelma Pettegrew. The members and the awards they took are as follows:

Eddie Hoar, who had previously won a place on the county livestock judging team which will go to the State Fair in Salem, took first on the beef steer he exhibited. This was the animal that he won last year at the calf scramble at the Wranglers Rodeo. He also took fifth in beef showmanship.

Mervin Pettegrew took third in beef showmanship, and second on his beef heifer.

Janet Crump took first on her dairy cow, third and fourth on her pullet and second and third on a pen of three chickens.

Dale Crump took second on his sheep and received a special award for his sheep showmanship, having placed first in showmanship for the past three years.

Richard Donnelly took fifth on his fat lamb and his brother Jimmie took first on both his hen turkey and turkey gobbler.

Richard Bomhoff took first on his Easter Lily project; first on a cockerell under one year and second on a pullet and first on a pen of three chickens and first on a hen.

Helen Lucas, who was unable to be at the fair, had a lamb which took first in the ewe lamb class. This was the animal that she won in the lamb scramble at the 1954 county fair.

Dale and Janet Crump are eligible to exhibit their animals at the State Fair if they care to, and Richard Bomhoff's lily project will be exhibited at the state fair.

INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Lingren and "Doc" Clark were on their way to Medford Friday evening when a car came out from a service station in O'Brien and hit their pickup in the side. Mr. Lingren, who is employed by Beresa, Inc., had a badly bruised leg, his wife had several bones broken in her hand and a minor concussion and Mr. Clark had a badly cut hand and some broken ribs. The other driver was not hurt, but her two small children and Mr. Clark were taken to the hospital in the ambulance, but were able to leave the next day.

Talk Of Forming Fire District

Protection against fire in the district north of the city limits of Brookings is being seriously considered by the residents in that area. Preliminary plans are being made for a meeting of property owners there to take up the formation of a rural fire district.

During the past year, three homes have been burned, practically just outside the jurisdiction of the city fire equipment and no other apparatus was available. The fire protection of such a fire district might effect the insurance rates but would be of greater value in the saving of life and property.

Although the area is not definitely laid out it is proposed to include the Dawson Tract, Parkview Drive, and out the highway toward the Herb Fritz place. Probably over 100 homes and other buildings would be included. Those furthering the project are contacting people in Harbor and the City Fire Chief, Val Mendenhall, and plan to publish their progress in later editions of this paper.

MORTON HURT

E. L. Morton, U. S. National Bank president here, was injured slightly in an auto accident Wednesday evening on the way home from Crescent City. The accident happened about two miles south of Smith River, when the car hit the shoulder of the road.

Morton will be confined to his home for several days, suffering from shock and exposure. The car was damaged, but can be repaired.

FISH ARE BEING CAUGHT IN CHETCO

Perch and other ground fish are being caught at the mouth of the Chetco, according to word from Hewitt's anchorage, and quite a few people, especially the youngsters, have been seen along the main stem with sizeable catches. Occasional cutthroat trout are being taken in the tidal basin, but otherwise, the fish seem indisposed to be caught.

PLAN NEW BUILDING HERE

A permit has been taken out for a new business building in Brookings. Work is already underway on the building, to be called the Morton building, after E. L. Morton, the builder.

The new building will be adjacent to the Weideman-Kessler building (Elks) between it and the U. S. National Bank Building.

Morton said that it would be of very modern construction, with a staggered front, and brick finish with four big display windows.

The front will be 35 feet and will taper off in the pib shaped lot to six feet in the rear. Gilbert Christensen will be doing the contractor work.

Excavation work has already been started and it is hoped to have the one story building done within 60 days. The total floor space will be about 1200 square feet.

No tenant for the new building was named by Morton, although he said that the occupant would very likely be a business already established in Brookings.

GARDEN CLUB TO HAVE BENEFIT

A public open house, sponsored by the Azalea Garden Club, will be held on September 16, at the VFW Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served at 8 p.m. The ladies will be asked to choose their own game, and fill their own table for bridge, 500, pinocle, whist, rummy, canasta, scrabble, or what have you. There will be individual table and door prizes.

The reason for the get-together will be a benefit for the Community Library. Persons interested are asked to call 3421 or 2537 for reservations.

NEW FREEWAY OPENED SOUTH

Travelers to the south will have a pleasant surprise to them when they leave the Dr. Fine bridge, crossing Smith River. Unless they know what they're doing they'll wheel around to the right, toward Tyrone's corner and miss the brand new freeway, opened for the first time, last Saturday. This new stretch of road now makes a practically straight route from the State Line to Highway 199, missing the route through Ft. Dick.

The route traverses a grove of huge redwoods, equally as attractive as the one on the old route and provisions have been made for adequate parking.

The road is very much appreciated by heavy unit drivers as they can barrel through without the inconveniences of the older road upon which, even in recent years, there have been several bad accidents, some resulting in fatalities. Loaded trucks, headed for Oregon valley points, had been making it through the Smith River cutoff, a very hazardous undertaking, to say the least. They now make equally good time, with less wear on equipment, straight to 199, and thence to their destination.

101 now meets 199 about three and a half miles from Crescent City.

Frank Tygart is back in the old swing of doing the morning and evening chores. Seems, before Pauline left on her latest trip she gave Frank detailed instructions as to how to take care of her love bird. Then Ben Harroun and his Misses took off, and the evening before they left, here comes Ben totting their Budgie, with a different set of rules. Frank's nurturing the critters according to the old Tygart family traditions so it'll be interesting to see what the results will be — possibly a double funeral.

Brookings Boaters Win At Races

Brookings was ballyhooed over the loudspeakers at the huge Speedboat Races, at the junction of the Sacramento and the American rivers several days ago. There was a tremendous crowd there which saw the B-Hydro won by Al Phillips, with Roy Pollard right behind him, followed by Barry Sage, who took third place. Then, to add to the Brookings boys' laurels, Al took third in the B-Runabout races.

Previously, Roy, Al, and Lyle aughn, all had troubles at the scheduled races on the Sacramento, at Redding.

Tom Dent, who is at Dunning Motors, and Bob Deffenbaugh, of Smith River, also were in the races. Barry Sage and Melody Brimm joined their town neighbors at the Sacramento, from which Lyle went home and was replaced by his brother, Don, and wife, Yvonne, who went south with the Phillips and the Pollards camping out along the way with the exception of one night stay in motels.

The three couples, took their boats down to Lake Tahoe, only to find that races there had been cancelled, but they put their boats in for some spins, anyhow, just to say they had raced at Lake Tahoe.

Dr. Paul Ronniger announced that he will accept the appointment to the school board vacancy, left last week when Elmer Rapraeger resigned.

The appointment of Ronniger was made last Thursday night at a special meeting of the school board, presided over by Bill Thompson, who is now the new board chairman, following Rapraeger's resignation.

Other members of the school board are Dr. Richard Smith, Lynn Borg, and Gladys Kanick.

DUNCANS PURCHASE HALLS TRAILER PARK

Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan will take over Hall's Auto Camp this week. The purchase includes 16 cabins and 12 trailer rentals, and a home on two acres above Hanscam's Center in Harbor.

The Duncans purchased the property through the Leonard Real Estate Co. from Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hall, who have moved to Richmond, California.

Sharon Center Southern Curry Fair Princess

Miss Sharon Center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hayes, represented the southern part of Curry County at the county fair as its Fair Princess. She and the two princesses from the other sections of the county were the guests of the Fair Board at the Sunset Inn for three days of the fair. They participated in all the activities at the fair, and enjoyed the program planned for them. They will be guests of the fair board at Salem for an added treat.

SHRINE CLUB MEETING HELD

A memorable meeting of the newly formed Curry County Shrine Club was held at the Del Rogue Club, at Gold Beach, last Saturday evening. Dinner and dancing and general visiting comprised the evening's entertainment with some of the couples later going to a dance at the Sunset Inn.

The next meeting of the club will be held in Brookings and is scheduled for some time within the next six weeks, says John Molino, president of the club. Harold Jochens is vice-president, and Tom B. Ayers, of Gold Beach, secretary-treasurer.

Illustrious Potentate Don Kenyon, Director Glen L. Lin, and Assistant Rabbon Gene Flavell, all of Ashland, attended as well as the Coquille Shrine band, all of whom were in the colorful uniform of the order.

Those attending, most of whom were accompanied by their ladies, were: Cliff Brimm, Charles Ames, George Mateer, A. C. Howard, M. A. Phetteplace, W. E. Wilson, Ray Nelson, A. G. Joelson, Jack Hames, C. G. Blair, C. Hines, Joe McGowen, Melvin G. Marks, Dumps Gillfillan, Jesse J. Laird, Fred C. Schroeder, Guy H. Forsyth, O. W. Bettis, Homer Kerber, Archie Kerber, Wilfred S. Laird, Robert R. Swan, G. A. Barnaby, Eben M. Miller, Al Manboys' laurels, Al took third in the B-Runabout races.

Because of geographical conditions the club is divided into three areas, Port Orford, where Dumps Gillfillan is manager and Homer Kerber is assistant; Gold Beach with W. G. Scott manager and Doug DeVoe, assistant; and Brookings, with Charles Ames manager, assisted by Howard Crane.

Periodic meetings will be held in each of the areas and it is expected they will develop into "musters" for the Nobles and their ladies. There are about 40 Shriner in the Brookings-Harbor area, according to Molino.