

SKETCHBOOK



by Bud Pisarah

Everyone has a secret. I understand city attorney Ed Ackley had one and told the council all about it after the regular meeting of the council Tuesday. The county judge told us how they picked the jury list, although that wasn't supposed to be a secret. Elmer Bankus said he had a secret way of telling if it would rain, that secret turned out to be his arthritis. Flossie Buchanan, of coffee shop fame, had everyone wondering about the picture of a secret admirer she had perched on the counter.

After the recent shower things cooled off don here, but for only a while. We stared the wood stove up which only resulted into a mere bit of heat compared to the scorching letter from the County Court. That, dear readers, can be read on one of the inside pages of this week's PILOT.

They tell me it is quite a sight to see little Davey Vaughn all decked out in his apron, and equipped with pencil and pad and busy as a bee helping dad Vaughn out at Highway Market. He said he's working his way through the first grade.

Across town at Dimicks Market, Bob Dimmick has a member of the family working too. He has little brother Les. We don't know for sure if Les is working his way through school of any kind except if it is the school of hard knocks.

A Guy can feel important nowadays. There was a time when all those big logging trucks would scare a fella off the road. Now this city being invaded by so many Thunderbirds and those foreign doodlebugs, one can easily stare them down and put them in their right lanes.

Another thing . . . those dogs that always chased you all the way from the meat market . . . You can stop them short and check to see if they have their tags, if not, just notify those canines that city dog catcher Nichols will hear about it. That stops them from stealing your salmon!

Yessir, things are looking up for the little fellow. Can it be all the work of the GOP administration, or those two hard working Oregon "senators"?

BENEFIT PARTY THIS FRIDAY

Friday evening's library benefit party sponsored by the Azalea Garden Club, looks as if it would be well patronized, according to the committee responsible for the evening. With reservations already made by several and reports of others who plan to attend there should be a very appreciable addition to the fund being built up to improve the library grounds, especially now that the muddy season is on and sidewalks and parking facilities must be put in. Lots of mud tracked onto the beautiful tile floor can ruin it, forever.

Reservations for the card party are not necessary, but is possible, please call 3421 or 2537. It would help the committee if those who are coming would bring cards and table covers. The party will be held at the VFW Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

School Enrollment Here Quadrupled

Students in the Brookings-Harbor School have almost quadrupled in the past nine years. Registration in 1946 was 176 in the grades and 72 in high school, a total of 248 students. In the present year, first day registrations were 693 in the grades and 247 in the higher classes, for a total of 940, an increase of 692, and 90 more scholars than last year.

The greatest percentage jump came with the plywood when there was an increase of 147 students in 1954 to total 850 compared to the 703 the previous year.

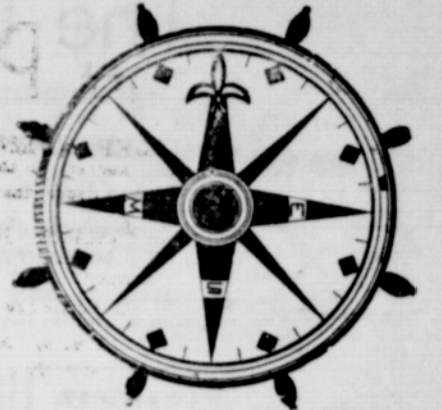
There is no indication that the population is now approaching leveling off any more that there was visible in 1946.

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CITY TO MAKE WATER SURVEY

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT MAKES SCHOOL PLANS

ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH HERE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) organized a branch of the church here recently.

Elmer Larson, of Brookings, was set apart as Branch President with Elders Sam L. Gray, Utah, and Martin C. Haslam, also of Utah, as his counselors.

The group was formerly part of the Crescent City branch, with only the Sunday school meeting in Brookings.

President Larson announced that Sunday School and Sacrament meeting will be held every Sunday in the Grange Hall.

Plans are being made to organize a Young Mens and Womens mutual improvement association. The Relief Society will continue to meet in private homes.

HARBOR GETS FIRE EQUIPMENT

An International truck, equipped with an 800-gallon tank and suction pump is now available as an auxiliary in the Harbor Rural Fire Protection District. According to reports, the pump may be worked over so as to supply pressure from the tank but the rig, in its present shape, is a decided addition to the safety of the people on the south side of the Chetco. Although the truck is at present at the Richfield Station, Harbor, all calls should go to the Brookings Fire Department telephone.

TO HAVE FIRST HOME EC MEETING

The first of this year's series of Home Ec meetings will be held in the Chetco Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m. September 21st. At this meeting Mrs. Sylvia Lee will have as the topic, "Landscaping" and Gary Wimberly, of the Azalea Farms, will be guest speaker, according to Dorothy Kirkpatrick, the local Home Ec Secretary.

HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLER, THOMAS SHARP, IS TOLD

Inquiries regarding Thomas Sharp have turned up the information that he occupies a momentous niche of interest to many in Southern Curry County. Sharp recorded the first deed outside the questionable swapping of titles around Port Orford.

He first appears as having married Lucy, an Indian, June 9, 1856, the knot being tied by S. B. Blake Justice of Peace, at Port Orford, with Isaac Hunt and M. B. Gregory as witnesses. This matter of marrying Indians, in those days, was motivated by one or both of two reasons—the usual one when people marry and/or to rescue the bride from being herded out, with the other Indians to the reservation. We are running down a story that this couple had one or more children.

To encourage settlement of their newly acquired western provinces, the U.S. Congress enacted laws, the 1840's, giving any 320 acres chosen by the settler, prior claim to such tracts. Several were located in southern Curry County in the early 50's, and one of these was to Thomas Sharp. The date and place of this filing has not been run down but his claim, known as Donation Land Claim No. 41 appears to have been for a decimal less than 160 acres. This tract, is somewhat "L" shaped and includes land, radiating around the Robert Swan home, Pedrolli Drive, etc., and up to the present Coast Highway. This tract was

SEWER LINE STARTS ACROSS HIGHWAY 101

Work began Thursday morning on a sewer line across highway 101 in front of the Elks building which will connect the four new business buildings, the U.S. National Bank, the Morton Building, the Elks Building, and Palmers Building. Previously, the buildings had been hooked up to the storm sewer, much to the dismay of the state sanitary engineers office. Tom Meenzie is doing the work.

Sidewalks Laid, Torn-Up In City

Sidewalks in Brookings were being laid, torn-up, laid again all week. As ordered by the Brookings Council, non-conforming sidewalk in front of the Moore's Variety and Harold's Jewelry store was being removed.

A side walk was being laid in front of the Palmer Building and the Morton Building. However, the rain Tuesday made such a mess of part of the new sidewalk in front of the Palmer Building, that the contractor, Roy Weideman, was forced to remove it.

PURCHASE FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP

Juanita H. Echols has purchased the Brookings Flower and Gift Shop from Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Conner. The name will remain the same and the store will furnish complete florist services, as well as modern gift stock. The building was not affected by the transaction.

Mrs. Echols will operate the store. The O'Connors were reported as moving to Medford.

PLAN BOOKKEEPING CLASS

An adult evening class in bookkeeping will be started providing enough people are interested, according to Sut. D. D. Williams. Anyone interested in this project are asked to register with either Mr. Williams, Mrs. Grace Yelton, or Mrs. Alice Rausch.

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transferred in a deed recorded in Vol. 1, Deeds of Curry County, page 56, dated April 15, 1860, to James and Susan Taylor, and on Page 114, of the same volume, January 4, 1864, transferred back to Sharp, the Taylors then being residents of The Dalles, in Wasco County.

If current residents in that locality have abstracts to their property they should be able to find these transactions at the very bottom of the sheaves and can bear in mind that their home-sites are among the very first on record in Curry County.

Getting back to the transactions about Port Orford, as mentioned earlier, these have always been subject to a great deal of county, state, and federal controversy all revolving about William S. Tichenor, an early arrival there who, to say the least, had some peculiar ideas he tried, principally, among his relatives and cohorts to the swapping of deeds, contracts and mortgages in that area were purely local interest.

Of Thomas Sharp, who, if he was taking title to lands in the early 50's, must have been at least of age, he would have been quite an elderly man within the memories of those still living. It is hoped some one might remember and come forward with more data and especially help us mark the exact spot where he lies buried, near the upper Chetco crossing.

Wallace Ruff, a Eugene Landscape architect, was in Brookings Tuesday and Wednesday with his assistant, Marten Oesterkamp, making a survey of the school ground, and its requirements.

Ruff will make an over-all plan, for future expansion, which will include suggested plantings and other landscape improvements.

Ruff has made a detailed plan of the school grounds, and will present his complete report to the school board later. He met Tuesday with the planning committee of the city, as well as with the school board.

His future plans call for a football field, tennis courts, and even a possible sight for a community swimming pool.

Release School Events Calendar

The school calendar was released this week by Superintendent of Schools D. D. Williams. The first nine-week period will end on Nov. 4 Nov. 6-12 will be American Education Week, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, Holiday; Nov. 24-25, Thanksgiving vacation, Dec. 22, school closes for Christmas holidays.

January 3, school reconvenes; Jan. 20, end of first semester; Jan. 30-31, Local Teachers Workshop, March 12-16, Spring Vacation; March 15-17, Oregon Education Association Convention, May 30, Memorial Day Holiday; May 31, Grade school promotion exercise; June 1, High school graduation.

P.T.A. Has First Meeting Of Year

The Brookings-Harbor P.T.A. held its first meeting of the year at the high school auditorium, Thursday, September 8th.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Bert Kerr. Other officers for 1955-56 are vice-president, Mrs. Joe Murphy; Secretary, Mrs. Chester Davis; and treasurer, Mrs. Richard Smith.

A motion was passed to award a door prize at each meeting instead of a prize to the room who had the most parents attending the meeting.

Mr. Joe Tobin explained a new project the P.T.A. is sponsoring this year. They will collect clothing in good repair or repairable to be stored at the school. If a teacher notices a child in need of clothing, she can give the child clothing out of the store room. Anyone having clothing that their children have outgrown, is asked to bring them to the P.T.A. meeting.

On the program for the evening were the Sea-Flats, a woman's barbershop quartet. Mr. Clarence Dial, the new music teacher, played several selections on the piano. Group singing was led by Mrs. Patterson, accompanied by Mr. Dial.

Bill Thompson, chairman of the school board, presented the school superintendent, D. D. Williams. Mr. Williams introduced the principals and teachers.

The teachers were given lovely corsages, which had been made by Mrs. Buzz Stewart. The Fairyland Nursery had donated the rubrum lilies for the corsages.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with a bouquet of deep red geraniums. Mrs. D. D. Williams poured. The teachers refreshment tables were centered with trailing ivy and geraniums. Mrs. Jesse Hoagland arranged the floral decorations. The Executive Committee had charge of the refreshments.

The P.T.A. meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be October 13th.

POWER TO BE OFF SUNDAY

Electric Power in Brookings and Harbor will be off between 1 and 4 P.M., Sunday, Sept. 18. Russ Messer, local Co-op Manager says the substation must be worked over to take care of greatly increased demands.

MINCERS TO MOVE INTO MORRIS BLDG.

Mincer's Jewelry Store, now located with Eva Lee's in the Hurst Building, plans to move into the old Vincent Building, now owned by Mr. Morris. The spot was formerly occupied by Phillips Dad and Lad.

The building is being remodeled inside and will provide Mincers with more space.

Morris is also remodeling the other half of the building, and will put in a fountain, where ice cream, soda and hamburgers will be served. Morris moved here recently from Lakeview, and also owns Young's Motel.

EVA LEE'S TO MOVE INTO MORTON BLDG.

Eva Lee's Women's Apparel store will be moving into the Morton Building according to Eva Lee Long, proprietor. The new building will be completed about October 15, and will have about 1200 square feet of floor space, and a zig-zag front.

SANDERS HIT MULE DEER

Royal and Pat Sanders, archers, got their mule deer on the Hart Mountain Archery Reserve. Royal got a four-point buck that dressed out around 170 pounds, with a single arrow which penetrated the deer, making a running shot from around 30 yards. Pat got a 75 pound doe, also in a single shot. His deer was also in flight when he hit it.

The brothers say there were 1423 archers, from all over the west, registered when they left, and they thought about five percent of them had venison when the Sanders pulled out.

This is not the first time the brothers have hunted with bows and arrows. Royal having got his deer last year, too. The two men have been archery enthusiasts for several years and would like to contact others thinking about this form of sport. There is a small club of archers at Ft. Dick and they see no reason why a still larger one couldn't be formed here. A successful club should have a building a hundred feet long so a standard 30 yard range could be operated it during inclement weather as practice is an essential to anything like accuracy, they say.

NEARLY A MILLION TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

The summary of the assessment roll for 1955 in Curry County, was released this week by George Sutton, assessor.

The City of Brookings mill rate is 27.3, with a valuation of 1,511,990, with the amount to be raised at \$41,277.58. The city of Gold Beach has a mill rate of 21.9, with a valuation of less than half of Brookings, \$717,160, and the amount raised to \$15,705.81.

Port Orford has a mill rate of 46.9, with a 366,630 valuation, and amount raised, 17,194.89.

Brookings school district 17C has a mill rate of 85.3 with a valuation of \$2,746,820 with the amount raised at 234,303.83. Gold Beach, on the other hand,

Brownie Brumm Hits 244 Game

Brownie Brumm rolled the highest score ever bowled here by a woman last week, when she topped a 244 game, on Azalea Lanes.

Mrs. Brumm bowls for B & H Lumber Supply team in the Beaverette league. She started the season off right with the game, but ended with a 470 series.

Jenn Malcolm did better than average too, when she slammed a 505 series.

Both the men's and women's leagues have started.

Cher's Holds First Practice

The first practice of the Brookings Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. chorus, now under the direction of Clarence Dial met Monday night in the new high school.

Dial, the new music teacher, will lead the group this year. A good gathering was present for the first meeting, although the group is in need of additional members. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and all those interested in participating are asked to contact Charles Grayshel or Mr. Dial.

Over Two Inches Of Rain Falls

More than two inches of rain, 2.21 to be exact, added a lot of trouble here in this area Tuesday. The rain is a little uncommon for this time of year but was welcomed by all, nevertheless.

The rain eased the fire hazard throughout most of the area, but the situation could get worse again before the rainy season. Vets in the city, many of which were down to nothing, started to come up. And many a parched lawn was watered by the down-pour.

SHRINERS TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

Shriners and their ladies have scheduled their next meeting at the Cliff House, Brookings, this evening of the 17, Saturday, according to John Molino, president.

There will be a short business meeting session followed by a supper and general good-time. Nobles and their ladies from up and down Curry County and all other eligibles are invited, according to Molino.

DRUG STORE BEGINS EXPANSION

Work is progressing on the Arrell's Chetco Rexall Drug Store which will enlarge the store to double the present size. A new front is being put in, to conform with the other front, and the wall has been knocked out partially between the two parts of the building.

Arrell said that it will be one of the largest drug stores on the Oregon Coast.

A contract for making a water survey for the city of Brookings was signed Tuesday night at the Brookings Council meeting. The contract was made with the engineering firm of Cornell, Howell, and Merryfield, of Corvallis, at a cost to the city of approximately \$6,500.00 which would be budgeted out of next year's city budget.

The step was taken by the city in an initial effort to buy the water system of the Brookings Water Company. It was the opinion of all the councilmen that that step should be taken, and that an appraisal of the present system, and the city's future needs is a necessity.

A meeting Thursday night preceded this session. In the Thursday night meeting, the council met with Archie Rich, of the Corvallis firm and discussed the survey with him. Mrs. Mildred Byrnes represented the Brookings Water Company at that meeting.

The survey would be in as soon as possible, although it isn't expected that it will be completed for some months. After the appraisal is met the city will have some basis on which to float a bond issue in order to buy the water system.

A small bomb-shell was thrown in the meeting, when Mrs. Elmer Bankus and the Brookings Water Company will hire their own firm of engineers to make a separate appraisal. This was discussed at length by the council.

It was previously believed that one firm would make the appraisal, and that both parties would agree on the price. Mrs. Byrnes said that their appraisal would be made for their own satisfaction only.

She promised the city that they would have all their cooperation in making their records available for the survey.

In the Thursday night session, Archie Hendricks of the budget committee, thought that the budget for next year could handle the cost of the survey. Bob Stanhurst, representing the planning committee, felt that many areas need water, and that the people would be willing to vote yes on a bond issue to enable the city to buy the water system.

It was believed that the insurance rates could be lowered in the city by an improved water system.

The council also acted on the recommendations made by the city planning commission. They passed recommendation Number 9, which calls for the granting of permission of the Post Office to install three mail chutes at various locations in town. One would be installed by the Associated Station, another one will be in North Brookings, and the third in front of the Post Office.

They also approved of two 12-minute parking meters in front of the Post Office.

The council approved recommendation Number 10, which calls for the installation of four parking meters on each side of Hillside Avenue and also meters on both sides of Fern Avenue.

The recommendations which asked the council to take steps to immediately remedy the sanitary hazard caused by a septic tank system opposite the new high school building was also acted upon.

City work superintendent Ralph Reed reported that according to a new state law an individual contractor can not install a septic tank unless he has a license, and is bonded for \$1,000.

There was a great deal of discussion on non-conforming sidewalks in Brookings, but no action was taken.

APPOINT'S THOMPSON AS DEFENSE CHIEF

This week Mayor Roy Brumm appointed postmaster Bill Thompson to serve as Civil Defense Chief in Brookings. It is a new post, requested by the Civil Defense Administration. Thompson will set up and co-ordinate a civil defense group in Brookings.