

Letter to the Editor

Brookings-Harbor Pilot, Brookings, Oregon, Gentlemen: Your attack on the integrity of the County Court in the selection of a jury list comes as something of a shock to the officials of this County who have always been most willing to cooperate with members of the Press.

Code—which is not a secret document—you would have discovered that the complaints you make are without any foundation. Oregon Law sets forth procedures for selecting a jury list and for drawing a panel of jurors from that list. The County Court is entrusted with the responsibility for selecting a list of qualified jurors from the assessment rolls and from the registration lists. Names on this list, which is to contain not less than 200 names under the laws operating this year, and which under a change in the law effective next year, is to contain not less than 400 names, are to be drawn from every portion of the County in proportion to the residents as shown on the assessment rolls and registration

lists. As required by law the County Court drew up a jury list at the beginning of this year, totalling 337 names from various portions of the County. Proportions were based on the number of registered voters in the different sections of the County as shown on the 1954 election rolls. On the jury list 129 names are those of residents of the Brookings Harbor area. Registration rolls show that the precincts of this area contain approximately 40% of the County's registered voters. Gold Beach-Wedderburn with 22% of the registered voters was represented on the list with 63 names. Port Orford, which has 16% of the county's voters, had 58 names on the list. As any one can tell you, and we would have been most willing to tell you if you had taken the trouble to ask, this list was prepared in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Law. There is not now, and there has never been, to our knowledge, any attempt to prejudice justice in this County by rigging or fixing jury lists.

It is the duty of the County Clerk to type the names on the list on separate pieces of paper and to put these names into a box. Between 10 and 20 days before the beginning of any court term, the County Clerk, in the presence of the Sheriff, shakes the box up and draws 31 names from the box. The names so drawn are the jury panel.

The Clerk and the Sheriff advise us that this is exactly what was done for this term of court. If all the names drawn had happened to be from the Brookings-Harbor area, that panel as drawn would still have been the legal panel and these jurors would have been summoned for duty.

The County Court, the Sheriff and the County Clerk have been injured by the insinuation of fraud contained in your ill-advised editorial. We request an apology and we further request a full and prominent publication of this letter.

Yours truly, CURRY COUNTY COURT By Guy H. Forsyth, County Judge.

Three more Brookings first graders are Ricky Berger, Ronnie Roemmich and Cynthia Harper who are going to the Catholic School, at Crescent City. Twenty-five scholars from Oregon and one from California are daily riding the Star-of-the-Sea Parish school bus to parochial classes in California. The students are all from beginners to 8th graders. Jake Rosen is the bus driver.

FORESTRY-U.S.A.

Illustration showing a person using a hypodermic needle on a tree trunk. Text: 'TO PRODUCE BETTER PINE TREES, A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE FILLED WITH POLLEN FROM A SELECTED "FATHER" TREE IS INJECTED INTO THE BAG-COVERED FLOWERS OF AN OUTSTANDING "MOTHER" TREE.' Below: 'QUICKER—and better! FORESTERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ALIKE, ARE WORKING TO BREED FASTER, GROWING, BETTER QUALITY, DISEASE-RESISTANT TREES FOR QUICKER, MORE PROFITABLE HARVESTS. THESE SUPERIOR TREES MAY HELP INCREASE THE YIELD ON MANY PARTIALLY PRODUCTIVE FOREST ACRES.'

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE. Not a single headline in the country proclaimed this event. Nor did a solitary radio commentator startle the world with the great news. Nevertheless, as a result of this occurrence, thousands upon thousands of new heroes and heroines now inhabit the land. I refer to the invasion of the public schools this month by hordes of little first graders.

As I watched the procession of young mothers escorting beginners past my home on the first school morning, I could not help being just a trifle curious as to how they felt deep down inside. The mothers were proud—that was plainly evident from the haughty tilt of their chins and the squaring of their shoulders. Anyone could easily tell that their offspring were destined to be the Einsteins and the Clair Booth Lucacs of the next generation.

However, in spite of their outward appearance, I somehow sensed that these mothers were also experiencing some pangs of regret. Certainly they were now being made aware that they were no longer indispensable. Someone else would now share in making a fuss over bloody noses and in smearing salve on skinned knees. Someone else would now share with them that pedestal upon which all youngsters place elders who are kind to them and who are sympathetic with their passing moods and fancies.

For this young fry this was THE day. Over-night they had suddenly become young men and women crossing over the threshold into a new world of adventure and experiences. Now they would have the opportunity to some of the questions which have been bothering them since they became aware of the complicated world into which they were born. And while they may shed a few

Nineteen Years Since Great Fire Hit This Area

Nineteen years before the date following the issue of this current newspaper there started the worst fire known to modern times in Curry County. Timber and young growth destroyed in that fire would have furnished logs for Curry County mills for many, many years. Fire hazard conditions prevailing at that time are practically duplicated at the present—everything in its most highly inflammable stage.

Fire prevention now, compared to then, is such that it endangers much more of Curry County than in 1936. In that year, there were several lookouts who not only pin-pointed the blazes almost the instant they started but there were suppression crews with follow-ups. They did their best but it was not enough.

Today, in the area that holocaust seared there are but two lookouts—Snow Camp and Mt. Emily—both with hampered visibility and unable to give much more than a general location of any blaze that might start. In this vast area there are two "smoke chasers" and the district ranger.

This adds up to five men charged with safeguarding untold resources and futures.

tears when Mother said goodbye, one is reasonably safe in assuming that within the hour such grief was forgotten. And though it may seem cruel, Mother herself has probably forgotten except as someone to whom they could recount the wonderful events of the day when they returned home. And so another phase in the wonderful unfolding of childhood becomes history, and though it will be years before they realize it, this day was the most thrilling day which will ever be theirs. And Mother will never forget it.



"Our Neglected Neighbors" will be the subject of Mr. E. Blakeman at the Brookings Bible Church, Friday evening, September 23rd at 7:45.

Mr. Blakeman is the Executive Director of the Mission to the Migrants, Inc., headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Blakeman will tell of the tremendous challenge in the Missionary Work in the huge farm labor camps in forth states in our Union. The mission is very active particularly on the west coast where a situation exists that is indeed foreign to our own country where thousands of folk live on the fringe of society, no homes, moving from camp to camp, under-privileged and without a positive workable message of God's Word.

The message will be illustrated and striking colored slides of the work in the field. There will be pictures of not only American white, colored and Mexicans, but also of the vast foreign population that comes into our country to work by contract in the harvests. Some of these pictures will visualize almost unbelievable conditions. They will show splendid missionaries living with and working among the people under circumstances that are extremely difficult.

The Pastor, Rev. E. F. McClain, and his people cordially invite those interested to join them in these services!

Girls Now Man Lookout Points

Among the radical changes in fire protection has been the installation of college girls at lookout points. On either side of the lower Rogue—at Brushy Bald—the lookout house right plumb ahead as you cross the Gold Beach-Wedderburn bridge, and at Grizly Mountain looking right down on the Rogue's mouth, from the East, there are gals who have been on the job the previous year and look forward to further work at their posts.

Another innovation is that one can drive to either lookout and still another is that they don't have the good old telephones to visit over, as in older days. Nor do they have to pack their wood and water and chuck, as the old-timers did. They have all that brought up to them. It would be interesting to see one of the gals in action if the former ruling prevailed by which the lookout nearest a reported fire was instructed to shoulder his one-man outfit and hit it, and stay with it until officially relieved. Their predecessors could spot a smoke, intelligently, by naming one or more local landmarks. Not only that but they could very ac-

DARRELL IS FIRST GRADER

Darrell Whirry's elders sure went to lat for him because his name was left off this year's harvest of First Graders. Good thing not very many kids with so many kin weren't overlooked, and we hope Darrell is consoled by getting a special story, all his own—and his kinfolks.

The A. B. Freemans are building on Sixth Street, and hope to move in soon.

Gary Bolin and William Guthrie have enrolled at St. Mary's Seminary in Portland.

curately trace the shortest—or the quickest—route to the scene.

The girls both said their high frequency radio is talking day and night as they hear other installations busy with numerous fires in both Oregon and California.

The road up to the Bushy Bald station leads off to the right, directly after crossing the first bridge up Euchre Creek and is navigable by any car. The one up Grizzly goes east from the VFW building, Gold Beach, and is not so good, clear up the lookout, but can be made with pickup or jeep.

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