

pipe dreams



Joe Murphy

In another of our attempts to stir up things, we wrote back to Brookings, South Dakota, inferring that we heard that somebody from Brookings, Oregon went back there and started up a settlement. We requested a newspaper or two, if the town had progressed sufficiently to enable it to have a newspaper.

We didn't stir up anything, because the publisher of the newspaper there, intimated how well he liked the country out here. Brookings, South Dakota has a population of nearly 8,000, and a fair-sized paper. He sent a couple of copies along.

One of the copies of the "Register" was put in the window of Phillips Dad and Lad, and people were told that a new paper had started up here. Several cheered.

We got to taste some of that apple juice that some of the towns people squeezed the other night. Its very mild in the present stage and its manufacturer should be encouraged.

Two weeks in a row I've had to buy back a pipe from Rotary Club, whose members seem to find a great deal of delight in picking up my smelly old pipes from various places around town, and making me buy them back.

The streets and sidewalks of the community were really torn up during the last week for various improvements. A person had to be careful where he was walking or driving, or he was liable to find himself in a hole.

Frenchy Arrell has a big sign in his new store window saying "I wonder what Frenchy's putting in here?" We understand that it is a pool hall, but Frenchy maintains that it is just another print shop.

### MUSIC GROUPS ELECT OFFICERS

The various high school music departments have elected the following students for officers for the year.

The high school band, with 29 members, have Dick Fadling, as president; Ron Bullock, 1st vice-president; Phyllis Cole, 2nd vice-president; Janet Glass, secretary-treasurer; Jean Kanick, librarian; Dick Berger, sergeant-at-arms.

The high school boys' chorus, with 30 members: Jerry Birely, president; Cliff Guthrie, vice-president; Bruce Ellison, secretary-treasurer; Pete Tierce, librarian; Charles Blair, sergeant-at-arms.

The high school girls' chorus, with 53 members: Jean Stacey, president; Judy Sadler, vice-president; Mary Gail Smith, secretary-treasurer; Jackie Smith, librarian.

A total of 110 youngsters are represented in the three groups, under the direction of Clarence Dial.

### Donations Made To School

Superintendent of schools, D. D. Williams made an announcement of recent contributions to the school. The VFW presented a check to the school to be used for athletic equipment.

The Brookings Plywood donated along with the Swan Lumber Co. a sizeable amount of lumber to be used in the shop work. Both Fox Bros. and Curry County Lumber donated trucks to haul the lumber.

Williams said that the shop could use more in the way of donations, as the money allotted for that department has run out, and the shop is still incomplete. Anyone wishing to make such a donation is asked to contact Shop teacher, Bill Dempsey.

### JIM JUDD RESIGNS

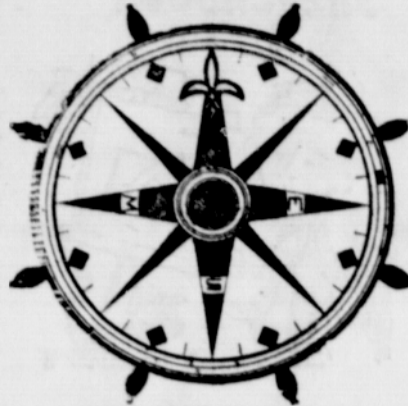
Jim Judd, night policeman for the city of Brookings, has resigned from the force, according to information received at the Pilot. No official action has been taken on his resignation, and no replacement has been named as yet.

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## Water Shortage In City Is Over

### Fall Flower Show To Be Held Friday

The Fall Flower Show "Autumn Treasures" will be held tomorrow (Friday) in the Grange Hall in Harbor. Door will open at 1 p.m. and the show will continue on through the evening.

The tea room, according to Mrs. Roy Weideman, chairman, will be open and home-made pies will be served during exhibiting hours.

Many interesting and educational displays have been planned for the event. Judging the exhibits will be Mrs. Harry Smith of Cave Junction.

All are invited, and the funds realized will be made available for the Library Landscaping Fund. No admission will be charged to the hall.

The water shortage, serious here for more than a month, has ended, according to word from the Brookings Water Company. The recent rains ended an even more serious threat which could have closed up the school for a short time.

A notice was sent out by the Brookings Water Company which read, "This is to advise that restrictions have been lifted on the use of water in Brookings." Most consumers have been very cooperative during this emergency and we wish to thank you for your patience and cooperation during the critical shortage period.

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### PURCHASE MATS

The new school gymnasium is richer by eight mats, purchased with funds contributed by the local V.F.W. post. The money came from the wrestling matches held in the gym, several months ago. It was then planned to continue the program, which proved very popular, but laws were passed prohibiting this special attraction.

### PERMIT FIRES BURN

Two permit fires, all safely handled, are kicking up quite a bit of smoke. One is on the side of Mt. Emily and the other up near the old Swan Mill, at Carpenterville. The fires are cleaning up logged off areas as a step toward re-forestation and the removal of a potential fire hazard in years to come.

### CALLED OUT TWICE

The City Fire Truck was called out on two grass fires during the past week. A fire behind the Crest Motel, Saturday morning, started by boys playing with matches, brought the truck out, but the fire was out before the truck arrived.

Wednesday noon, the truck was called to another grass fire on the property of Mrs. Mina Akers, off Tanbark. The fire was also out before the truck arrived.

### ENROLLMENT HERE CLIMBS TO 976 PUPILS

Total enrollment in the Brookings-Harbor high school has passed the 200 mark, according to D. D. Williams, superintendent. A total of 52 is now enrolled, with 84 freshmen, 63 sophomores, 52 juniors and 54 seniors.

With the 723 students in the grade school system, a total of 976 youngsters are in the Brookings-Harbor school district.

### Card Results To Be Tabulated

The Chamber of Commerce has been conducting an unique canvass of tourist opinion relative to Highway 101, and especially along the lower Oregon part of it.

Three questions were printed on the back of postcards bearing the Chamber's return address on the front. So far, many hundreds of these cards are back from travelers originating in almost every state, and several Canadian provinces, and some from still further from Brookings.

One of the queries asks the traveler to state their objections if any, to the highway. A tabulation of returned cards will be made and published later, according to Charles Grayshel, president of the Chamber and originator of the scheme.

A sample card received back Wednesday morning, from Jane Simmerman, 2522 North Howell, Davenport, Iowa, member of the P.S.A., reads, "Followed the coast south from Astoria. Many scenic areas, but no way to the beach. Came out for photography and found it difficult to get the kind of shots I wanted due to no way down from the road, Brookings, the exception, nice town on the coast, nice people, nice scenery, wonderful State Park. Oregon is lovely."

Although most of the cards bear the route, especially south from Gold Beach, many express their appreciation of what they found in the Brookings area. Of special value are the pictures taken here as they will best spread the word.

## INDIAN TIMBER IS SOLD

### Lily Bulb Digging Progress

Easter lily bulb digging, grading and sorting is now in full swing. Packing and shipping will soon follow with the bulbs to eventually be brought to bloom, next Easter, quite all over the United States and Canada.

In all, several millions of bulbs will be shipped and several hundred men, women and children will be employed until the new crop is all planted.

Although it is classed as a seasonal work, it fits into the program of other floral crops being locally grown and marketed.

### Youngsters Warned On Curfew Violation

Police Chief Bud Cross reports that the curfew law is being flaunted too much in Brookings, and will be enforced more strictly from now on. Chief Cross warns that some pick-ups would be made in the near future on youngsters who are out after 10:30 in violation of the law, unless they have good reason.

### HOUSE NUMBERS ARE BEING ISSUED HERE

Street numbers are being issued at the City Hall, and many have bought theirs during the past week. Work superintendent, Ralph Reed asks those who apply for numbers to bring their lot and block number with them when applying, or the tax lot number from the county tax bill. Reed will be up in the City Hall most every afternoon.

### Fishing Starts; Lands 26 Pounder

It looks like Judge Hans Nelson opened the salmon fishing season, Tuesday morning, when he extracted a 26-pounder from the Chetco. The judge is building up quite a reputation, over the years, in being successful in his attempts—maybe being a judge, he "likes right"—right where a hungry salmon lurks.

Thomas Carroll, an annual visitor from Santa Monica, got himself an 18-pound fish the same morning.

Hewitt's Anchorage reports that there have been some tolerable catches of trout, especially further up the river. The rains usually start the fish moving upstream and almost any trickle ought to be worth pausing to "wet a line in," now.

### Report Given On Forest Area

"The major mills of this community could get together to sell their waste to a processing company," was the view stated by Rags Ragland, Chetco District Supervisor, to the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly noon meeting last week.

Members of the Chamber meeting at the Chetco Inn were interested in Ragland's talk of an overall picture of the forest problems facing this area, as well as that of the entire coast.

He said there was timber enough for ten years of present utilization, and stressed the fact that more mills would reduce that period.

Complete utilization of forest products should be considered at once, as well as re-forestation when considering plans for the future, Ragland reported.

He pointed out that oak, alder and madrone, found here are becoming more valuable now as new uses are developed for them. Sitka spruce, formerly thought not of great value, now is found to be adopted to the manufacture of certain products.

To insure stands of timber for the future, seeding is used rather than planting because of high labor costs, Ragland told the group. Thinning of the trees as they grow would be required, when this method is followed to give them room for proper growth.

The Chamber of Commerce members, through their questions, showed an interest in wishing to help in any way possible in organizing so that the wastes of the forests might be cut down.

### REPORT SCHOOL IS BROKEN INTO

The Brookings-Harbor schools were broken into over the weekend. Both the new high school, and the old elementary building were entered, probably by kids, with just minor damage reported.

Nothing of consequence was taken. A complete inventory revealed. The police are investigating.

Evelyn Jaklewicz was installed at the September 12th business meeting as Financial Secretary.

Six new members were initiated also, they are as follows: Jean Stump, Gold Beach; Lucille Mead, Brookings; Bernice Hewitt, Harbor; Grace McKenzie; Hazel Moore, and Rita Tierce all of Brookings.

## Report On Curry Farms

The 1954 Agricultural Census of Curry County, dealing with about 11.6 percent of the total area of a little over a million acres classified as farm land shows a decrease of some 6,000 acres tabulated. In 1950 there were 126,323 acres reported upon while only 120,392 acres were tallied in 1954.

There was a shrinkage from 306 to 187 in the number of farms reporting in '49 as against '54 with the cropland acreage dropping from 3,124 to 2,258 but this is offset by an increase in pasture land reported. In '49, 183 ranches reported they were using 17,932 acres while in '54, 210 ranches reported a total of 20,446 acres of range land.

There was but little change in the number of ranches reporting the pasturing of woodland but there was a dropping off in the tally of full owner-operators there being 386 so reported, in 1950, and only 339 in '54.

There was a remarkable dropping off, during the four-year period, in the number of small farms, especially under 50 acres with the 3 to 9 acre one falling from 97, to 33 in 1954 while the ones containing 50 or more acres stayed about the same in number with

no spectacular change.

A noticeable feature of the report is that 64 of the county's ranches have some sort of artificial ponds on them and the supposition is these are for flood control or to build up the supply of food fish. Another remarkable set of figures shows little change in motorized vehicles. 334 farms reported there were 861 workers on them, and the money paid out to hired labor increased from \$190,038, in '49 to \$286,279, in '54 and these figures should be layed beside 453 farms reporting on this phase in '49 as against 391, in '54.

Only 52 tons of fertilizer were used on hay or pasture on 455 acres of the 24 farms reporting. This could have been used on the 38 dairy farms which checked in, in '54 as compared to the 55 we had in 1950—a loss of 17 milk producing units. During this time there was a production drop from about 9½ million pounds of whole milk sold in '49 to a little over 7 million pounds in '54 but a tremendous leap from 3,070 pounds, of butter fat to 47,287 in the same period, despite the fact that only 2,137 milk cows were reported in

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### CARD PARTY HELD BY GARDEN CLUB

The card party, presented by the Azalea Garden Club, last Friday, was enjoyed by all attending. The proceeds for the party went to the library fund for landscaping.

Various card games were played and cake and coffee were served. The table decorations were made through the courtesy of Gary Wimberly, who also donated two door prizes. H-Way Market donated the coffee and cream.

### ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN PHOTO CONTEST

Prize winners in the photo contest, held recently by Tots-Teens, were announced this week by Mrs. Geaney, proprietor.

First place winners were Avis and Ava Jensen, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gyle Jensen, with blue ribbons awarded to Miss Brown, Dale Dotson, Doreen Feitz, Debra Frum, Sheila Lovely, Kelly McNeen, Susan Potocnick and John Sedia.

## 1,000 CARS A DAY . . . 101 TRAFFIC IS HEAVY

### Flies North To Visit Alaska

Mrs. H. B. "Jack" Howard returned, last Thursday, after two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blair, at Sitka, Alaska. Mr. Blair, now quite elderly, and retired has lived in Alaska for the past 30 years, and formerly lived at Yachats and at Eugene.

Flying north, from Seattle, at an altitude of some 18,000 feet, in brilliant sunshine, is a treat which will be long remembered, Mrs. Howard says. At the capitol of Alaska, Juneau, Mrs. Howard transferred to a PBY type amphibian of the Coastal Air Lines for the 95 mile flight out to the Eganoff Islands, upon which Sitka is located. While there, Mrs. Howard saw the sights, including a visit to the old Greek Orthodox Church, a landmark from the days of Russian Sovereignty, and containing some priceless treasures. She also visited the site of a pulp mill which the Japanese plan to build near Sitka, next year. All the labor will be from this state, she reports, but the product will go to Japan.

Mrs. Howard says she took along a batch of Brookings weather with her and only ran into a couple of skiffs of mist, one of them coming over Puget Sound, on her way home. The week before her visit, she says they had heavy rains in Sitka.

### Flood Relief Card Party Planned By Emblem Club

The officers of the Brookings Emblem Club is holding a card party on September 26th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Elks Hall to raise funds for the victims of the recent flood disasters on the Eastern Seaboard.

All ladies of the Elks are cordially invited to attend. All proceeds of the evening will go for the flood relief. No admission will be charged, but donations will be most welcome. Refreshments will be served.

According to a press release from Salem, a delegation of California park officials will be in Oregon, early next month, to get "pointers" on how to fix up their state parks.

### BEGINNING BAND GROUP IS FORMED

The beginning week of band program in the Brookings-Harbor grade school started this week with forty-one students from the 5th through the 8th grades enrolled. Instrumentation includes one flute, 10 Clarinets, 12 Coronets, 1 Alto Saxophone, nine Trumpets, one Baritone, three Trombones, four percussion.

Each student receives band three times weekly, under the direction of Clarence Dial.

### West Coast Plans For Improvements

The West Coast Telephone Company announces a great deal of expansion in the northern end of Curry County and in Coos County with Bandon and Gold Beach soon to have dial phones. Fifty new lines are slated for the Brookings exchange which will allow one, two, and four-party lines now in operation.

L. Gray Beck, the company's engineer, said that north of Brookings subscribers might be able to dial any phone in the country providing the plan proved feasible but that all Brookings long distance calls went through Crescent City and could not be handled through the Marshfield exchange. With the facility for dialing any phone in the country, the exchange will automatically handle the toll ticketing. This system will first be applied to calls along the Pacific Coast.

Beck said the company was doing its best to keep up with the demand but that advancement required extensive planning and foresight as to finances and physical construction. He stated there had been a 37½ percent increase from 12,060 phones, in January 1952, in the Marshfield area to 16,573 subscribers at the end of last July. "During this period our gross additions to the telephone systems in the Marshfield district have been \$4,208,990. This, compared to our gross additions throughout the entire state of Oregon of \$10,076,900, is nearly 42 percent," Beck said.

August highway traffic being regarded as a prime travel barometer, figures released by the California border inspection stations are of more than casual interest.

Comparing the tally at the Smith River Station, on U. S. 101, with Hornbrook, on U. S. 99, the latter being the artery connecting the valleys of Oregon and California, there is not the difference one would expect, especially in view of the State of Oregon Highway expenditures.

Smith River checked in 31,646 motor vehicles of all types carrying 92,534 people leaving Oregon on Highway 101 and Hornbrook, on U.S. 99, during the same period, reported 32,171 conveyances and 97,415 people.

As tourist travel is especially indicative of the popularity of routes, Smith River had 19,528 "foreign" licensed entries with 56,117 "foreign" passengers as compared to Hornbrook's tally of 13,310 out-of-California licensed cars carrying 20,000 less "foreign" passengers—or 36,255.

The picture changes, unexpectedly, at Doris, on Highway 97, south of Klamath Falls, which entered 800 more passenger cars than Smith River and passed 5,287 more produce trucks than entered California on Highway 101. Doris had a total of 37,724 vehicle entries of all types which included 40,052 "foreign" passengers in 14,705 cars—quite a bit more than were entered at Hornbrook on 99.

Without computing them, indications are that there were more passengers per car through the Smith River station than there were at either Hornbrook or Doris.

The Redwood Highway, on the Crescent City-Grants Pass route had 15,232 out-of-state passenger car entries into California with 47,532 people, averaging over 3 to the vehicle and a total of 26,826 cars of all types and registrations with 83,294 passengers, slightly less, all around, than on 101.

The grand total of all entries into California through all its border stations shows a little less than half a million passed into the Sunshine State in August, bearing nearly a million and a half passengers. Of these, 215,097 non-California cars brought in 625,824 passengers.