

To The Editor . .

As I haven't seen any letters or heard any unfavorable comment on the plan of moving the Curry County Courthouse into the outgrowth, comparatively new, Gold Beach grade school building, it looks like the deal is not unpopular.

I believe there are in the building eleven (11) rooms, approximately 24 x 40 feet, one is about 24 x 50, and an auditorium 90 x 24, toilet area about 24 x 24 adequate halls, and a basement about 30 x 50 feet.

Besides, the property fronts about 350 feet on Highway 101, is deep enough to have room for necessary vault space, all foreseeable parking, and probably a jail.

I understand there is an element quaking as to what will happen to public structures if

the economy of the county was to take a dip. Going along with this idea, we sure wouldn't want to be stuck with paying off the indebtedness of a big courthouse or paying too much to support it any more than the Gold Beach taxpayers would (or could) stand for supporting two separate grade schools plus paying their share on a new courthouse.

R. B. Smith

INTO REFRIGERATION

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rausch have gone back to South Dakota to attend the Golden Wedding of Mrs. Rausch's parents and to visit other kin in their old home neighborhood.

Nearly a whole page of story and illustrations in a late issue of the VALLEY TIMES, circulating around Hollywood, Calif., is devoted to the Smith River

area. We are indebted to August dePhillips for bringing it to our attention. The writer, Phil Dorrer, automobile editor of the TIMES, tells especially of the redwoods and the fishing in the Smith River. Unfortunately, the map they used, ends there but probably a few of the readers who are energetic will, at the very least, cross the state line, even if only to say they have been in Brookings.

★ Harbor News ★

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Banick returned home Friday after a two weeks trip which took them to Newport, Rhode Island to visit with their son, Clifford who is still in the Naval Hospital there recovering from injuries in an accident at New London, Connecticut in August. They report that they were able to have

Clifford with them at the hotel where they stayed for a few days and they had Thanksgiving dinner together, but that it will be April or later before he will be able to leave the hospital for good. They made the trip from Portland by the central route and returned by the northern route, enjoying the trip very much as they were on the dome-liner trains.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy of Dallas, Oregon visited their daughters, Mrs. Charles Ames and Mrs. Frank Lefever and the families for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clement returned home Wednesday after spending ten days in San Francisco at the home of Mr. Clement's sister, Mrs. J. L. Thomas.

Gene Tamba was able to be brought home last Wednesday from the Seaside Hospital where he had been since November 20, as the results of an accident with his car on that date. The accident happened at the Rough and Ready bridge south of Cave Junction, and the pickup is a total wreck. Mr. Tamba has a badly cut face, a broken collar bone and cracked ribs, plus multiple cuts and bruises.

home near the Winchuck about ten days ago and broke her ankle. After a few days at the Seaside Hospital, she was able to be brought home where she is in a wheel chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett moved into their new home on the beach, Thursday. With rain or no rain they made the move. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Crockett are moving into the house on the highway that they vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kirtley and two children left Friday for St. Petersburg, Florida where they plan to spend several months. They are making the trip with a trailer and will stop along the way as they wish. Mrs. Kirtley's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Benson live in St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore arrived last week from Davenport, Iowa, where Mr. Moore has been attending Palmer School of Chiropractic, and where he had less than a year to complete his course. He had heard from Uncle Sam, though, with an invitation to report for induction at Coos Bay on December 7th, and invitations like that aren't often turned down.

Will Tolman enjoyed a visit over Thanksgiving in Calistoga where Mrs. Tolman is staying with her sister, Mrs. Bastian Begeer while Mr. Begeer is seriously ill.

Helen Lucas is going around these days with a cast on her leg as the result of an injury to her heel a couple of weeks ago. According to reports, she will have to have the cast on for about two months.

Mrs. Bertha Moore spent the weekend at the E. E. Hanscom Sr. home so that she could attend the meeting of the Harbor Community Club Friday afternoon and the Grange Installation the same evening. Mrs. Moore was an old time resident of this area, before moving to Crescent City, living at one time on Long Ridge on the upper Chetco where the Frank Waldien's now live.

suggested to him that he could improve on his deportment. This suggestion was tossed back to his councillors and he proceeded to unwind a few more obnoxious tricks. It was immediately followed by one of the local yokels whaling the tar out of him, not too bad.

But his cantankerousness was now being inflamed by the leopard sweat he'd consumed and his welcome was fast waning.

The dance was stopped. Benches were drawn out from the wall, a moderator presented himself, explained the proposed proceedings and called for nominations of a judge, a sheriff, a prosecutor and another charged with defense of the guest. All of these functionaries being duly endorsed by the present body politic, the sheriff produced the culprit and strict frontier procedure proceeded.

Possibly owing to the weakness of the defense council, the prisoner before the bar was sentenced to a fine of ten dollars, to be confined until he was sober enough to understand the rest of the requirements of the court—that he be ejected from the community.

Frisking the accused brought forth \$2.50 in cash, a fairly attractive watch, and a medem of what some of the nevelents considered consumable alcohol. The patient's hands were bound and he was thrust into a rather leaky woodshed. The watch was then auctioned off and brought \$9.50, which went with the \$2.50 to a family who were having some tough luck. The judge "confiscated" the potable portion of the fine. Benches were shoved back to the wall and the dance resumed.

The next morning the culprit, unbound, was invited to be on his head-ache way, and there were plenty of neighbors down the road, to encourage him in the fulfillment of his sentence.

No one, hereabouts, would be at all surprised if under similar circumstances, this might happen again.

YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE WANTADS



SMITH RIVER at the Community Hall DECEMBER 9th

OLD TIME

DANCE ROUTINE

M. S. BRAINARD

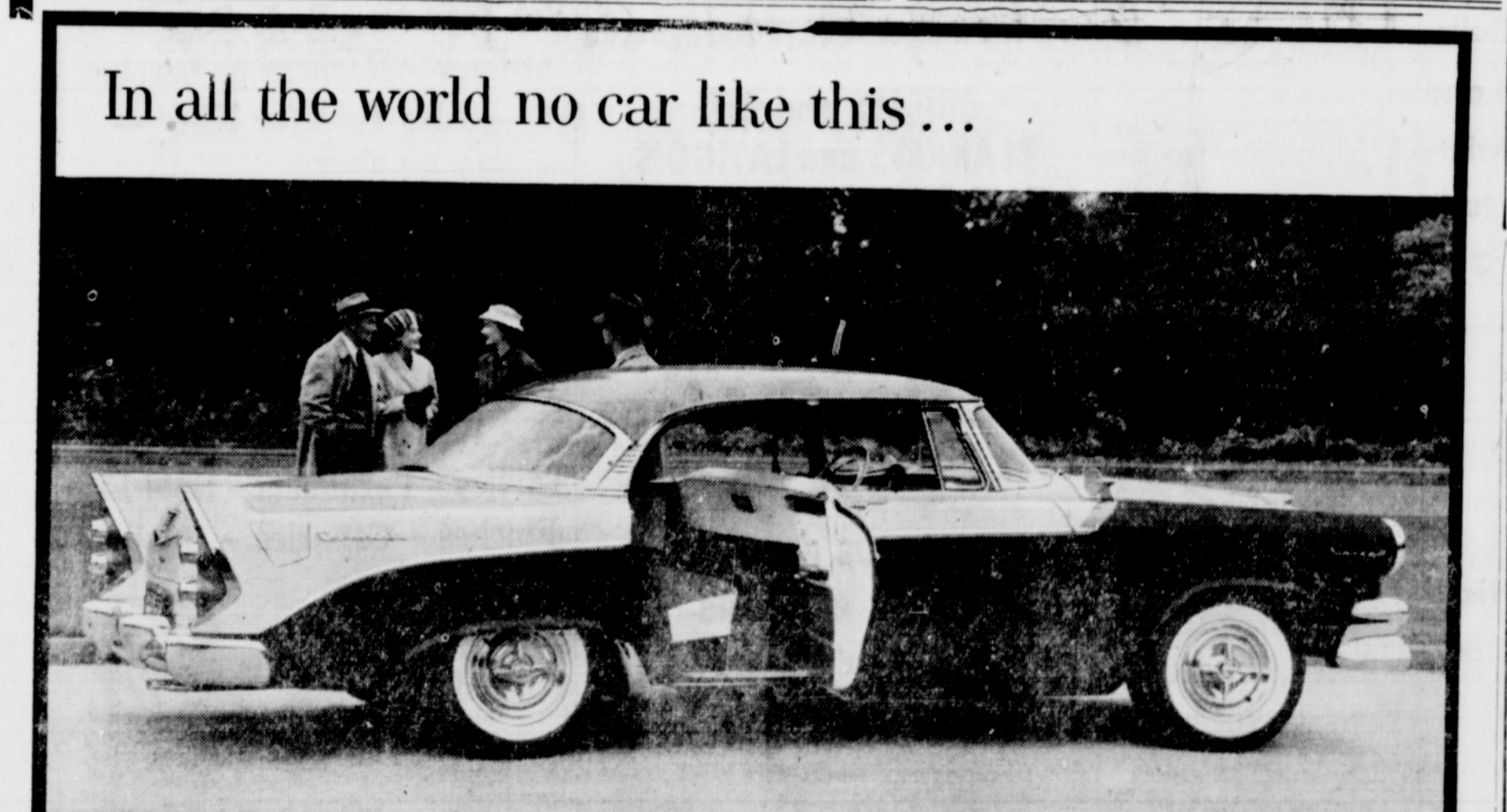
Even for some time after folks in the extreme southwestern corner of Oregon had gotten used to starting the year with a 19 instead of an 18, it was still a pretty rough country. Some of the boys had left other places by hand, due to matters of their health, found a bit more than even they could cope with when they renewed their special brand of devilry on arriving in what had appeared, in the distance, as a more beneficial climate. Right up to the last war-time, it remained an excellent place for those not troubled with soiled noses but the tradition from them times to these ones have brought what were commonplace things into tolerably sharp contrasts. Occasionally, some of the new-comers are startled with unconsciously turning up some of our peculiarities. Many of them haven't even yet reached the tradition stage, the actors there—in still being mighty frisky. Gents and ladies who were under the impression they could get away from things—and with things—hereabouts, in those not too far passed days were sometimes brought up with short and incisive turns.

For instance: It's not so many years ago that the neighbors around the mouth of the Chetco River gathered at their Grange Hall for their customary dance. Their conception and the putting of it into effect, of their customary dance was their business and not subject to external criticism. This purely local axiom was dealt with in a purely local manner when an otherwise welcome "outsider" proceeded to demonstrate the obvious fact that he intended to show the poison-oakers just how ornery he, individually, could conduct himself.

Before he got to going good, some of the local youths mildly

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