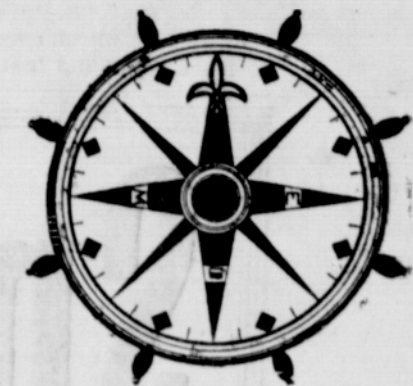


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## SKETCHBOOK



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The Bowl games are over and again the big ten team has beaten a coast rival. Nine out of ten times. I just wonder if the current series which ends next New Years will be renewed.

The coast teams will probably want to go after some other conference like the big seven. Then they will have opponents like Sam Gibson's Oklahoma eleven.

They tell me Sam was quite worried about his Sooner boys in the first half of their Orange Bowl Game with Maryland. The Terps had them 6 to naught in the first half. I was hoping the doctor wasn't called away during the second half of that contest.

I am still an advocate of a late summer football classic here in Brookings. THE FLOWER BOWL. Of course, the QB Club has got to get going so we have a team to field. Remember their meeting, January 9th, at the high school.

Everyone interested in the pigskin game should attend that meeting. Don't feel that just because you haven't been asked personally that you are not welcome. It is going to take a lot of people to put this thing over, not just a few. So get out for the meetings, especially you fathers with sons. You will want to make sure your boy has an opportunity to grow up to be a quarter back.

Now, you fathers of little girls, don't be slighted. You all come too. Somebody has got to cheer those boys on to victory.

This time of year everyone in business is taking inventory. Joe Sayre wanted to hold a contest for the business houses to see which one finished first. Of course he didn't suggest that until he was sure they were all taken care of. I wonder where Frenchy picks up those shrewd guys?



## Beautiful State Park Lies Within City Limits

### Report The Death Of Mrs. Robert Williams

Word has come from Salem that Mrs. Robert Williams died there December 17th. She and her husband had lived, for many years, on a ranch on the Cape Ferrel Road, where "Bob" still lives. The community is saddened by her passing as she had a host of friends who will sincerely miss her neighborliness.

### CHIEF CROSS TELLS OF FEATHER RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cross, Brookings Police Chief, were at the Feather River at Yuba City when the river broke through in a major flood disaster recently. Chief Cross said that there was water everywhere, and at one time authorities had 1500 men working to bolster the levee.

Chief Cross also said that a very good friend of his, Earl Blackburn, undersheriff there, and his son were both drowned trying to help in a rescue.

Acclaimed as being one of the most beautiful natural parks in the world, Harris Beach State Park, within the limits of the City of Brookings, had thousands of guests during this past summer.

Containing many acres, it is a small portion of a huge tract acquired by the late George Scott Harris, a Perth Scotsman who had a most adventurous career even before he landed in Curry County. As a young man, George formed a partnership in his homeland and spent many years selling cotton goods, primarily red bandanas among the wild native tribes of South Africa.

When the Zulu and Matabele Wars made the country untenable for a white man, George

made his way out of Mozambique and thence to America, finally building himself a home and ranch buildings at the mouth of the creek which now bears his name.

Here he ranged sheep, made welcome all travellers and, being elderly and lonesome, had his nephew, James, come out from Perth.

The elder Harris, passing to his reward, was succeeded in ownership of the property by his nephew who, after several years a merchant and postmaster of Brookings, now lives with his family at Santa Rosa.

Realizing the supreme scenic possibilities as an adjunct to the State Parks system, successive tracts were bought until the present acreage was reached. During earlier years of public ownership several groups of the CCC's worked on the park, building trails, clearing brush, and tidying it up, a job later taken over by resident keepers when conditions demanded.

Travellers on hundreds of miles of U.S. 101 sought, all the way along for a place where they could actually get down to the beach. Their appreciation of the facilities available to them at Harris Park have more than justified past, present, or any future expense.

From every state in the Union and from outside the United States, they may be met with, in storm or sunshine, night or day, revelling in what of the many, many features appeals to them.

There is ample room for parking along the highway for those who just love to sit and watch the ocean, there is an easy approach, almost to the water's edge, and plenty of room to park and turn around, and there are miles and miles of smooth, sandy beach and rocky cliffs to explore handy to fishing off the rocks or searching the pebbly crevices for clams. Many's the hour lovers can spend about some tidal pool—a real world all to itself. To the thousands and thousands of people who live away from salt water, their intimate contact with the real thing is a never-never to be forgotten experience.

Some are so enthralled with what they find at Harris Park they join the overnight campers in the numerous alcoves provided for the night. By the state, to give you a full vacation in a most wonderful of parks, Klamath Falls only 2.6 percent.

## SEWER BILLS ARE SENT BY CITY

### Phones vs. Storm

Extensive damage to the West Coast Telephone Company's Coos Bay district facilities resulting from the destructive late-December storm has been almost completely repaired. George McBride of Coos Bay reported today.

"At one time everything we had on wire was out", McBride the Company's District Manager said. "It was the worst weather havoc I have seen in my 18 years in the business."

The heavy rains and high wind rendered more than 5,000 telephones in the district temporarily useless. Nearly 2,800 of the 9,000 telephones in the Coos Bay Marshfield area were knocked out of commission.

Scores of poles were washed out or pushed over by slides and falling trees, and lines everywhere were shorted or dragged down by broken limbs. High water and mud not only made it difficult for workers to reach the trouble spots but actually posed what McBride described as "a positive hazard to the bodily safety of some of our men."

He said that all available West Coast crews had to be augmented by two crews brought in from Eugene and that they worked right through the Christmas holidays. Damage was so widespread that it has defied immediate estimate by company officials.

Only the long distance microwave relay system between Coos Bay and Eugene, Coos Bay and Bandon remained unaffected by the big weather disturbance, McBride said. He also disclosed that installation of six additional circuits being put on the Bandon microwave system supplementing existing radio lines to Langlois, Port Orford and Gold Beach would be completed January 9th or 10th.

### CURRY COUNTY AGAIN HIGH IN SALES GROWTH

Curry County again leads all the counties of Oregon, this time in percentage increase, during the past six years, of retail sales. This increase amounted to 103.4 percent according to figures released by the U. S. Census of Business.

While most of the listing is by counties and covers the period between 1948 and 1954, some towns have segregated, and in this field, the increase in Beaverton, amounting to 160.7 percent, is the only one noted which exceeds the gain of Curry County.

Losses in business during the period noted amounted to 21 percent in Wheeler county and, among the cities, to a 29.4 slip in the city of Redmond below its 1948 volume.

The figures are taken by comparing the reported totals from all types of retail businesses which were gathered in '48 with those turned in in '54. In 1948 there were 17,498 businesses reporting as against 19,064 in '54 or a growth of 1.566.

Springfield boosted its business 102 percent and Gresham came up 81.5 percent. Business went below the 1946 level in Lakeview, Astoria and Clatsop county as a whole.

All of Coos County showed a gain of 30.3 percent and Josephine 27.6 while Klamath County made a very small gain of 5.6 percent, as a whole and Klamath Falls only 2.6 percent.

Citizens interested in the coming sewer bond election, January 20th, are urged to attend the Citizens Committee meeting on January 9th, at 8 p.m. in the City Hall. At that time the Sewer Committee will review in detail all phases of the five-year sewer program. A formal report will be printed in next week's Pilot. The Pilot realizes that a fully informed voter is an asset at the polls, and invites both sides of the issue to present their opinion in next week's Pilot.

### BROOKINGS BRUINS TO VISIT ORFORD

The Brookings Bruins will try to get back into the spirit of basketball Saturday night, when they invade Port Orford. They have already decided on Port Orford once this season.

A game was called off last week against Myrtle Point, when that city was cut off by a flood condition. Brookings won't play a game at home until the last week in January, when St. Bernards play here. In the next three weeks the Bruins will visit Gold Beach, Powers and Langlois.

### B-B Guns Break Windows In City

That bane to defenseless windows, the B-B gun, has made its appearance this week after the Christmas giving, according to Police Chief, Bud Cross.

The B-B guns have broke out several hundred dollars worth of windows during the past week Chief Cross reports. He said that the police are going to hold the parents responsible for the kids' actions. Chief Cross said further that the city is no place to turn kids loose with guns.

Windows all over town fell prey to the youthful gunners, including several in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Chief Cross said that he has a pretty fair idea of who the boys are, and expects that some will be picked up this week. He said that the guns will be taken away from the boys, and held until the parents and boys can show good cause why they should be returned.

### THE LAST WORD IN HAT STYLES

It's all the rage down in Gold Beach, Tin Hats for ladies, that is. A new style for the rugged frontier that Curry County is, has been set by the three women in the Curry County Courthouse including County Clerk Oleta Walker.

The three women, all office workers, were wearing the same style of hat too, normally something of a cardinal sin for a woman. The hats were worn in the Court House as protection against falling plaster. They were the "tin hat" commonly associated with the logging industry.

The Court House has been jacked up, ready to be taken off the property only now it has no place to go!

### CLASS TO MEET

The adult bookkeeping class will meet Monday night at the usual hour, after a holiday recess. If enough people express interest in an adult typing class, one could still be formed, school officials said.

The die is cast: The City of Brookings sent out city sewer service charge, and sur-charge bills last week, and at around the same time it was announced that the sewer bond election would be held on January 20 of this month.

A statement from the City of Brookings read as follows: "The City of Brookings wish to express their appreciation to the citizens of this community for their fine cooperation in the prompt payment of the sewer charges recently assessed."

"Mr. E. C. Turner was not only the first person to pay his bill, but paid a full year in advance. Such response was, of course, very gratifying, and while the City does not expect this to be done in every case, will, at the same time, welcome any such advance payments. In fact, a majority of persons have expressed a desire to be billed quarterly, which is more convenient for them and also saves bookkeeping and billing expenses to the city."

"Since so many have chosen this method of paying their bills, the City will send out the next billing for the months of February and March combined, and the third billing will then include the months of April, May and June."

A letter from Mayor Roy Brimm was enclosed in the initial sewer billings. The letter read in part as follows:

Dear Citizens: Enclosed is your first bill for the Sewage Bond in accordance with Ordinance No. 113 as passed by your City Council on December 13th, 1955. This Ordinance is on file at the City Hall for your inspection.

Fifty percent of the bill will be deposited in a reserve fund which is to be used for the construction of a sewage disposal plant. The other fifty percent is to be used for the construction of mains over 24" in size, for the pumping plants and pressure lines and for the operation and maintenance of same.

Your bill is in accordance to the following charges: Residence Single Family Residence, \$2.00 per month; multiple family residences: \$2.00 per month, first unit, and 75 cents a month each additional unit.

Commercial—First two fixtures, \$2.00 per month; next three fixtures 25 cents each; the next five fixtures 15 cents each and each additional fixture 10 cents each per month.

It is estimated that the above charges, plus a \$50,000 bond issue which will be put before the citizens committee on January 20, 1956, will pay for that part of the sewer system that would become a general obligation to the City as a whole, in a period of five years.

The \$50,000 bond issue will be discharged with the monies received from Sewer Service charges and from Sewer Assessment from Sewer District No. 1.

The Sewer service charge, when you are connected to the City sewer, will be 35% of the amount shown on the enclosed bill, i.e., a single family dwelling will pay 35% of \$2.00 or seventy cents per month.

### P. T. A. TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

The Brookings-Harbor P. T. A. will meet tonight (Thursday) in the new Brookings-Harbor gym. The meeting will be the annual Dad's Night affair, with several short plays planned by grade school children, and singing by the Barbershop group. Fremont Arrell will serve as master of ceremonies.

## Second Plea For School Aid Is Given To Court

Another plea for a share of the O and C Timber funds was made by Superintendent of Schools D. D. Williams Wednesday at a meeting of the Curry County Court.

Williams asked for a part of \$113,000, unbudgeted by the County Court. The total amount of money sent by O and C to the county was in excess of \$300,000.

Williams said that if no additional money can be secured Brookings would have to double shift through the fifth grade next year. He reported 400 youngsters are now double shifting, and said that the figure would reach 600 by next year.

He said that if some money were given to this district out of the fund that Brookings might be able to build a classroom or two on the existing elementary building, to help relieve the situation.

County Superintendent of the Schools, Ed Seger, and District Attorney Sam Hall also spoke in favor of allocating some of

the money to the schools in the county.

The Court said no thought had been given to the distribution of the money, following discussion in Brookings last month, because of the recent flood emergency.

A clipping of the Coos-Bay Times was read at the meeting, where the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce asked for a road into Powers and Agness—so all the timber won't go out through Gold Beach.

County Commissioner Tex Breedlove said that he was alarmed over the situation. The Court had discussed that clipping in their morning session, it was reported.

The Court reported that they had discussed the possibility of using most of the \$113,000, or all of it, in a start towards building a road from Gold Beach into Agness so that the timber would not be lost to Curry County.

It was estimated that such a road would cost about \$1,000,000

and spending the O & C Funds that way was called a "Good Investment" by the Court.

District Attorney Sam Hall asked that a public meeting be called to discuss the distribution of the \$113,000.

Breedlove took an antagonistic attitude toward using the money for schools, although he said he was in favor of larger and better schools. He said "Curry County schools are 50 years ahead of the roads." He also stated that the Brookings-Harbor gym was "as big as a house"—and asked why class rooms weren't built instead of the gym.

Breedlove, commissioner from Sixes, also said "I wish you could have the biggest schools—but if I can help it, you won't get a dime of that money—as the roads need it worse."

All the commissioners and Judge Forsyth agreed that other pressure was being put on them for the roadway, and that they would have to take it into consideration for a full vacation in a most wonderful of parks, Klamath Falls only 2.6 percent.