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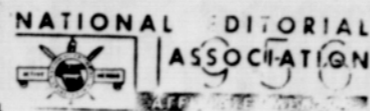
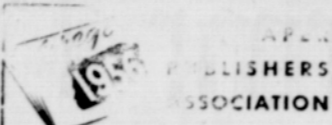
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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN . . .

The people have spoken—albeit, not very many of them, in the Brookings Sewer Bond election last week. Again, it is hard to see why the voting was so light, when the issue was so hot. Everyone was talking about the sewer election, and everyone was steamed up about it, but yet a good deal less than half of the registered voters turned out to cast their ballot.

Those that didn't vote, we have to assume were in favor of the bond issue, and the way the city government is handling their affairs. We assume that because they didn't bother to lodge a protest vote.

WE ALSO CLEAR THE AIR

We were attacked in an editorial in the other Curry County newspaper last week. Personally, we feel that the premises were so silly, and the conclusions so pointless, and the logic used in reaching the conclusions so faulty, that it would benefit no one by even acknowledging the editorial, or that there is another paper in the county.

But the attack wasn't merely against the Pilot, but seemed to be against Brookings as well, so we feel that we should at least point out some of the errors, and inaccuracies. It seems that the Curry County Reporter, and its editor, tucks the County Court under its wing like a mother hen, and whenever the Pilot offers a criticism or suggestion, the Reporter is the first to take offence.

The Pilot believes, and has suggested, that the unbudgeted sum of O & C money, \$113,000, which is now held in the county treasury should be expended on our schools. We believe that the distribution should be made on a per diem pupil attendance basis to all of the county schools. If such a distribution is favored by the people of Curry County, immediate action is indicated. We should make our desire known to our County Court without delay.

The Reporter advocates giving the whole sum to Brookings. Of course, this cannot be done lawfully, which is a well known fact to that newspaper. Such a suggestion is silly. We wonder if it was made by inference, to start a rumor that Brookings is trying to hog distribution of the fund. Do we have here an attempt to arouse hostility against Brookings in the other parts of the county?

Now, carrying our assumptions further, we believe that the city is under a mandate from the people to go ahead with the sewer. In many bond issues once the thing is passed, there is little else to be done, except spend the money.

It won't be that easy for the city fathers of Brookings. First they have to acquire the present system, and secondly, they have to get machinery going for the establishment of the first sewer district.

The first five-year plan of the City of Brookings is beginning to roll, but a lot of problems face the council between now, and its conclusion.

Read this quote from the editorial and see what you think:

We should like to see Brookings school district get their share of the O & C money. In fact we would favor sending ALL the money to Brookings, the balance beyond their share to be repaid to the county WITH NO INTEREST, for the use of other schools in the county at a later date, if this could be worked out legally. The other schools in the county could use their share of the O & C money very nicely and have put up some very cogent argument for getting it. But the fact that Brookings is both (1) more crowded and (2) more broke than all the rest of the county put together, and the money should go where it is needed most."

Utterly ridiculous. No one ever hinted that Brookings should get more than its share. Here is an editorial that publicly declares that Brookings is bonded to the hilt, that it is broke, and that conditions in Brookings are pitiful. The three thousand people who live in Brookings have a different opinion at this point. These that live in the fastest growing city in Oregon, who have the promise of a prosperous future, who are hard at work building up a fine city could only look down their noses at the editor of a little weekly up north who might imply otherwise.

As far as our getting the school question mixed up with a road up to Agness, we don't think so. We heard the county commissioners discuss the funds for the road, and so did the editor of the Reporter. And she's quite right, we heard enough!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

In England recently a woman came out victoriously in a contest by naming her husband as the "most useful household gadget."

This apparent compliment could be misleading. I, at least, was curious enough to go to the dictionary. That authority states very plainly that a "gadget" is any clever article or contraption of an interesting object or trifle.

I found my ego somewhat deflated after unearthing the foregoing information. It becomes rather difficult to assume the role of master of the house when one discovers that he is rated as a clever contraption or an interesting trifle.

While some men will be encouraged somewhat by the fact that the British housewife did lighten the blow somewhat by classifying them as "useful gadgets", I myself, get little solace from the backhanded compliment. In fact, I am forced to bow my head in shame, for I have been informed on several occasions that I am sadly lacking in those attributes which might make a man useful around the home.

Some husbands can do anything from building a house to putting in the plumbing. About all that I can do and do well is to dry the dishes, mow the lawn, or safely transport the garbage to its proper receptacle. Beyond these services, I am well aware that I am of little value.

If when driving down the highway, I am unfortunate enough to have the motor die on me, I just have to sit there until someone comes along to remedy the situation. If an electric wall plug goes haywire, I turn off all the switches I can find; but even though the lights all go off I still don't trust electricity; I find myself standing for what seems an eternity with screw-driver poised while the cold sweat dampens my brow. Eventually an electrician is summoned.

I can't cut my youngsters hair and I can't mend their shoes; I can't overhaul the car; I can't even repair the television set. All in all, I have come to the conclusion that I am one household gadget without any usefulness.

I am consoled somewhat, however, by the knowledge that if it weren't for characters such as I, our entire economic system would be thrown out of kilter by the resulting unemployment of electricians, barbers, shoe repairmen and mechanics. I am doing my best for continued prosperity.

MASONS TRAVEL

Sixteen members of Sidney Croft Lodge, A.F. & A.M., journeyed to Central Point, Saturday evening, where they conducted the third degree on a candidate of the lodge there. All but two of the local lodge's present officers attended. The evening was highlighted with a potluck supper. The lodges participated in a ceremony known as "Presentation of the Travelling Gavel."

NEUBERGER vs SQUIRRELS

A press release, anti-Neuberger, and his White House squirrel episode, states that one Oregon boy "transferred" 330 squirrels to win a 4-H award in a rodent control contest, and that a Chevy Chase, Maryland gent had trapped at least 100 squirrels and "transferred" them through the White House fence.

Political Pot Bubbling

The political pot is being stirred quite enthusiastically by both parties, judging by the words of "information" coming into the PILOT Office. It is really very thoughtless of the perpetrators because, should other sources of "copy" dry up, the probabilities are that we could run a whole issue—possibly each week—complete with pictures, of the virtues of the candidate subject and the repulsiveness of the opposition candidates. The extensive gestation period between now and the primaries will probably hatch quite a crop of Whodunnits and Whooldoits.

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Letter to the Editor

Sometime ago, I was asked by friends who were passing by our village, what the canine population was here. Said they had never, in all their touring, seen so many dogs as there are in Brookings.

I had thought, from my own observation, in the short while I have been resident here, that an average of one dog—maybe two—would be correct.

And most of these roam about at will, upsetting garbage cans, strewn garbage all over the yards, leaving behind them nothing but filth. Every tree and shrub suffers. It is most discouraging to say the least.

I hope to have a lawn with shrubs and flowers about. One wonders if it is worth the effort, with all the dogs on the loose, to say nothing of their barking and howling for hours, at one time or another.

It is to be regretted too, that one is forced to build high fences to protect one's property from their onslaught.

Tourists, visiting our fair village by the sea, do not compliment us on our dogs but do note beautiful, well kept lawns and gardens.

Now, if the place is to continue to go to the dogs, I would suggest—and this only for our already overburdened city—the placing of posts at strategic spots, painting them brilliant colors. At this time, red and green would be most appropriate as they prefer green, it seems, as well as red.

The curiosity and interests of the stranger asking "Why?" One could proudly (or otherwise) reply, "Those are for the

dogs, doggone it." My apologies to all the well trained dogs, and the folks to whom they belong, I am fond of a well-trained dog.

My hat is off and swooping low to those folks who keep their dog in an enclosure and teach them. It occurs to me that the owners of those roaming and barking dogs should have more consideration for their neighbors.

And so—shall it be pretty gardens, lawns and flowers, or just DOGS? And, maybe the painted posts to brighten the dull places. Doggone it, ANYWAY.

— Sylvia Linton

COFFEE CROP

The coffee growers are sobbing because of overproduction and sniffing for the U.S.A. to bail them out. Memories of the gouging coffee consumers got, a couple of years ago, still rankles and the prospects of any kind of financial success from Uncle Sam might be very remote.

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NORTHWEST HARDWOODS
A new economic opportunity for the Pacific Northwest is being developed by the newly organized Northwest Hardwood Association whose members are enthusiastic over the outlook for our native elder, maple, alder and cottonwood. These woods have been largely ignored by timber owners and loggers of the big firs, but according to E. J. Nist, President, the rapid expansion of the furniture, wood-ware and pulp industries has accelerated the demand for these woods.
The association is attempting to set up grading rules and standards to develop a marketing program and definite steps will be taken toward achieving these ends. Several specialists are devoting their attentions in this field. The association has its head offices at 3253 Commadore Way, Seattle 99, Wash.
The PILOT has had several recent reports on prospectors contacting holders of oak, madrone, myrtle and alder, locally.

Don't Be Confused
If YOU LISTEN carefully to radio commercials on medicinal agents, you will find that they suggest much but promise little. The glib announcement will tell you that such and such a product can, may, or should help do this or that, but it will never say it will. Notice, also, the newspaper insertions on hair restorers, flesh reducers, and the like. Many of them will bear the statement, "Never sold by mail." Why? Is there danger of Federal prosecution for using the mails to defraud? If you are feeling "out of sorts," consult your physician. He, and he alone, is qualified to diagnose and prescribe treatment.
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