

THESE PEOPLE LIVE HERE . . .

This is the 6th of a 26-weekly series of brief biographies of the people who conduct business of this area. Their names appear in the Ad-Rime Directory on this issue of the Pilot.

THE EVANS ELECTRIC is here as a result of a man that was cruising down the highway. Here is the way it all came about. Percy Evans was born and raised in Klamath Falls. He started out working with electrical gadgets as a hobby before he finished grade school. After receiving his high school diploma, Uncle Sam's Navy did a place for him until 1945. After receiving his discharge, he opened a shop in Klamath Falls, having some background working for various shops before the War.

Having travelled around some while in the service, Evans had a hankering to live along the Oregon Coast. He drove over to Depot Bay one day and started down the Coast. When he arrived in Brookings he said to himself, "This is it." He first went to work here for George's Electric and then for White's Appliance as radio repair man. He had moved nearer the coast previously, having worked one year in Medford, for his father-in-law, Walter Corfany, as an electrician and repair man.

In August of 1953 he decided that as long as this was going to be his home, he would start his

own shop. He immediately set up for Radio and TV installation and repair and branched out into industrial and commercial wiring. The Evans Electric is located on Spruce Street just west of Wharf Street.

Mrs. Evans is known as Connie. She operates Connie's Cut 'N' Curl in North Brookings.

THE M & G AUTO AND TRUCK WRECKING is a new business located next to the Grange Hall in Harbor. Before opening the yard here, G. O. Gwillim and T. A. McNair made a survey of the area. According to their report they found a big demand for cheaper repair costs on older cars and especially truck parts. As a result of the survey they purchased the 2-acre tract and enclosed the yard so as to create a neat appearance as possible. They opened the yard in October of last year.

Gwillim and his wife, Ruby, are making their home here and operating the yard. McNair is operating the wrecking yard in Coquille. The two yards are in a position to exchange parts, giving each a greater variety. Gwillim has had over 10 years in the wrecking yard business, mostly in Coquille. The couple have 2 children.

NICHOLS & FRETZ WOOD YARD is a partnership with one partner operating the Brookings yard and the other yard and trucks at Gold Beach. Jim Nichols, the man who won the 1955 Plymouth from the North Brookings Merchants, is the overseer of the local yard. The yard was opened here in August of 1955 on the 1-acre spot at the end of 6th street off of Easy Street. He reports good success when wood is available.

Nichols came here from Medford early in 1953. Prior to opening the wood yard he had engaged in the logging and sawmill work.

Mrs. Lola Nichols supervises the Brookings Dog Pound. Since being appointed to the position in August 1955, she has found homes for nearly 50 dogs. Of course, now and then, one of the canines is left there with some ailment, or is vicious, or for some reason does not fit into the society of a suitable friend-of-man category. Then of course, in such instances the poor fellow has to be put to sleep. This is the only distasteful part of the business, Mrs. Nichols says. Then sometimes, too, a stray gets to galavanting around town without the proper license. In such case it is the duty of Mrs. Nichols to impound the dog and when she does she tries to locate the owner. If her efforts meet with less than success, she must make some other dis-possession of the impounded animal.

The Nichols' have 3 children. There is Linda 5, James 4, and Shirley 3 years old. They all like dogs, especially the puppies. In fact, they like them better than wood.

BROOKINGS MOBIL SERVICE is operated by Bill Willey. He and his wife, Flora, came to the area in March of 1952. Bill bought the station from Tom Ferry. He had worked for Tom for 4 years in Coquille before entering his own business.

He is not far from his boyhood home. He moved to Coquille when he was 7 and finished school there. He was very interested in sports while in school, and saw an opportunity of improving and developing that field in the schools here. He believes they do a lot toward developing young men and women. After the bones and muscles begin to stiffen a bit, he thinks fishing is a great sport and that the potential should be developed here as an extra attraction to tourists.

The Willeys moved into their new home in July of last year.

ILLINOIS VALLEY NEWS reported four feet of snow and fallen trees block the road to Oregon Caves and the caretaker there, coming out on snowshoes, said there had been ten feet of snow at the resort, then settled to four feet and that some of the cabins had been damaged. On Page Mt., at an elevation of some 4,000 feet, there was 6 feet of snow, compared to 28 inches last year at the same time, and at Althouse, the same elevation, there was almost six feet of snow on the ground. Most of this snow's water will drain into the Illinois valley, and comparable depths probably prevail in the upper Rogue, Umpqua, Smith, and Klamath valleys.

They like it here and figured it was an additional attraction to own their own home.

CARDWELLS MAKE TOUR — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cardwell returned Friday from a vacation in the Southwest where they visited relatives and friends in Texas. They reported beautiful fern picking weather throughout the trip with the exception of a snow storm in the Grand Canyon. Ed was properly impressed with the hugeness of Texas and the "biggest of everything in it" except their can of beer.

MORE TREES — Every bare spot in the area excepting range and garden should be regarded in the light of potential tree wealth, either commercially or decoratively. With the almost countless houses being built and people moving into make homes of them, now is not too soon to begin making them, even more worthy of the name "home."

The courts have held that a good shade tree is worth \$5.00 each square inch of cross section, five feet from the ground and any realtor will tell you that the appearances of the grounds about a home will increase its resale value as much as 20 percent. If your home is set in among others, all similarly cared for, the actual value of your property may be increased more than that. If there is an unkempt property in your neighborhood, it will reduce the value of the whole, hence even a little care of one's home ground is a wealth paying job of cooperation.

A plan recommended by the National Arborists Association works well. Each member of the family should have a tree or a shrub of their own, from selection to planting, caring and maturing.

In our area, many beautiful native trees, shrubs, and plants have been destroyed in our need for homesites—they have been killed—which is contrary to a commandment. Maybe the black mark can be changed to grey, at least, if they are replaced and encouraged to grow on.

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