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## OUR OPINION ON THE COURTHOUSE . . . .

The Curry County Court asked, in a public notice, for expressions of opinion on what the Court should do about the proposed new Courthouse.

We would indeed be dedelict in our duty as a newspaper if we didn't offer an editorial column or two, especially when asked to do so. We offer them often enough without being asked.

First we want to point out that we feel the Court has got itself into a jam on the building. We feel that if they went ahead and let the bids—using the proposed \$45,000 from next year's budget to do so, that somebody is liable to object very strongly. Even, we've heard, to the point of filing an injunction against them from doing so.

It must be true that that \$45,000 has got to come from somewhere—possibly out of the road fund, or some other source where it is needed desperately. We don't like the idea of lopping \$45,000 off a budget in a county where so many improvements are needed.

But, to go back a bit first. We are in sympathy with the Courts' problem. We realize that as elected people, serving in a county that has doubled in population in just a few years, that their's is no bed of roses.

However, the Court, in our opinion, went at the whole problem in the wrong way. We have maintained the only logical way to build any public building, of any size, is to bring it to a vote of the people, with the proper public notices printed in several newspapers throughout the County so that all the people would have a chance to see what the situation is. Then a 10 or 20 year bond issue should be floated to pay for the structure, rather than take it out of two or three years budget—letting other needed projects such as roads and tax re-appraisal go to pot.

That, in our estimation, is the salient mistake made by the County Court. We are just not a big or rich enough county to pay for a \$300,000 Courthouse in just a few years without hurting some other part of our county. The Court realizes that that is \$30 for every man, woman and child in the county.

Possibly because of their fear of having the project turned down, the Court decided not to bring the measure to a vote, but rather had a notice printed

in a paper of limited circulation, supposedly informing the public that it was their intentions to build a Courthouse. There were no objections, and plans went ahead.

Another mistake made by the Court was not explaining most emphatically to the architect that their funds were limited—and that he must design a Courthouse for the amount of money that they had set aside—or he wouldn't get paid. Instead, the architect went over the proposed cost by 40 percent, and he still gets his cut even if the Court has to junk the whole set of plans.

And—another error. The Court goofed when it ripped out the underpinings, and had the old Courthouse moved before it even OPENED THE BIDS on the new Courthouse, obviously not anticipating the present difficulties. The old Courthouse was bad enough before, but now in its present state it is virtually unusable—and we will have to build another one. It leaves us without a choice.

Was that premeditated also?

So, here we are. As the man says, your hindsight is better than your foresight. The problem now, is what to do.

There are four solutions that we know of. These should be analyzed, and studied. We are not for having the Court make a hasty decision on any, even at the risk of saving money now.

1. The present plans should be tossed out, even at a loss of considerable money paid to the architect. Another architect could be hired, and a new set of plans developed which would keep the project within the budget limit.

2. The Court could go ahead and take the \$45,000 out of next years' budget and go ahead with the present plans even in the face of an injunction.

3. There must be some way of bonding for the additional \$45,000 needed, although a vote of the people would be required.

4. Has the Court or the Building Committee ever looked into the possibility of buying the present Gold Beach Grade School building to serve as a Courthouse? According to people from Gold Beach, this might be the very solution they are looking for. The money that the Court would pay for the old school would be used by the school district to build additional rooms on the proposed new school building.

## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

The segregation problem in the South is probably causing more concern on the part of the citizens of this nation today than it has at any time since the war between the states. The very fact that so little has been done to improve the lot of the negro is just another example of the futility of any war.

If military victory were the solution to world problems, the negro would today be treated as an equal throughout this land. But just because the North defeated the South didn't change one bit the thinking of those south of the Mason-Dixon line. True, they were forced to free their slaves but nothing could force them to accept them as equals; and in some respects to be treated as an inferior can sometimes be more damaging to the soul than to be treated as a slave.

Taking into consideration the mind-set of the southerner, I can see little hope for a quick solution to the problem. Certainly, the ruling of the supreme court will not be the answer. Prejudices cannot be eradicated that quickly or that easily, for hate and ignorance are two important facets of this problem which no law can ever hope to eliminate.

I had always hoped that education would be the tool that could best be used in the interest of tolerance. But how are the younger generation of the South ever to be educated so as to bring about the acceptance of the philosophy of "love thy fellow men" when those in control of the schools will not permit it. How can youth be taught to accept their fellow man, whatever his color, when they are taught from infancy, by their own parents, that God made the white man the superior.

The only ray of hope I see for the future is through the teachings of the church. The school cannot do it; neither can the politicians. But if somehow those who profess their belief in God and their love for his teachings, could be brought to understand and to believe that God made all men in His image, then there could no longer be hate in their hearts, and their minds could be purged of the venom of ignorance.

Certainly, there is no place in the world today so much in need of the missionary and his gospel than that inhabited by our brothers to the south.

## Letter to the Editor

Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription to the PILOT. I have been a subscriber to it for a number of years and enjoy having it now more than ever, as you have improved it considerably.

— Alvilda H. Gardner,  
Brookings

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR —

If we need another park here, I would like to suggest that the community give earnest thought to the purchase of Mill Beach Other than Harris Beach State Park which is very often so windy and cold as to be disagreeable for picnic parties, where else between here and Gold Beach is there a spot accessible where beach parties can be had? The mouth of the river? We are working to have that develop commercially.

Mill Beach has been known and used for years. Both by people coming here from Grants Pass and Medford to escape the summer heat, and by our own local folks. It is especially in demand by mothers who like to take their small children to a warm, protected beach where they can run about and play in safety in the sand and wade along the edge of the sea. The church groups also like to use it for weiner roasts.

It can be used when Harris Park is too cold and windy as it is protected. And it is used in spite of the poor road. Our police officers know how much it is in use during the summer months. Let us give consideration to Mill Beach as a City Park.

Sincerely,  
B. Miller

## B. W. McVAY PASSES AWAY

Funeral services for Benjamin W. "Bud" McVay, 89, of Brookings, was held at the Baptist Community Church, on Friday, April 6th, at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Walter Sadler officiating. Concluding services were held at the Smith River Cemetery. The Brown Mortuary was in charge.

"Bud" was born in Harbor on June 26, 1866, the son of William and Emaline McVay. He has lived his entire life in the Brookings-Harbor area. He had been a dairy farmer all his life until he retired.

Survivors include his widow, Lottie; a son, Archie McVay of Harbor; 2 sisters, Mrs. Minnie Thompson and Mrs. Laura Vincent both of Harbor, and 4 grandchildren.

## — VOTERS NOTICE —

The City of Brookings has been divided in two Precincts with Highway 101 as the dividing line as follows:

### BROOKINGS PRECINCT NO. 1 —

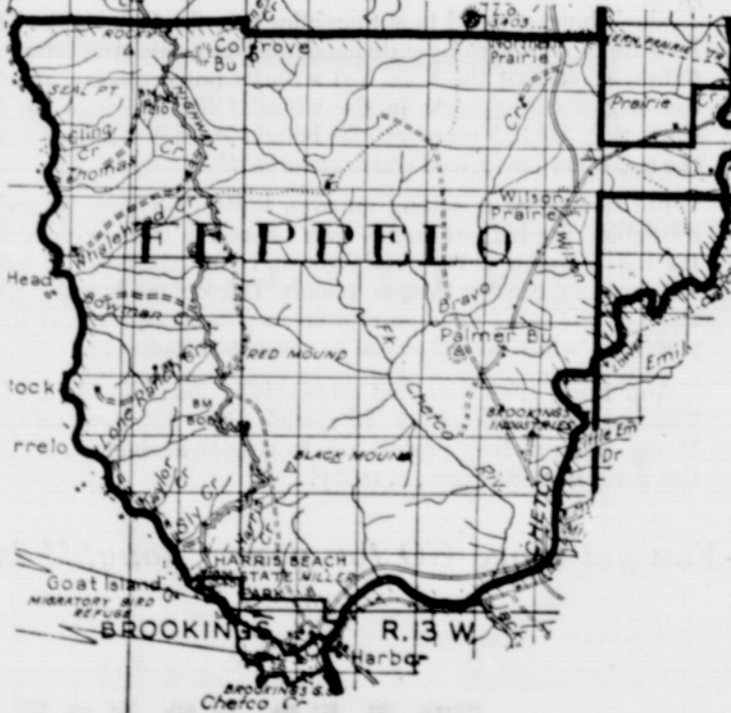
All residents on the oceanside of Highway 101 and between the Chetco River and the city limit boundary on the North of Brookings.

### BROOKINGS PRECINCT NO. 2 —

All residents on the Easterly side of Highway 101 and between the Chetco River and city limit boundary on the North of Brookings.

### FERRELO PRECINCT —

All residents not residing within the city limits of Brookings and North of the Chetco River. (See Map)



The registered voters residing in these Precincts should notify Oleta A. Walker, County Clerk, Gold Beach at once, stating their precinct, so their names will be listed in the proper poll book.

If not registered, you can register with Mrs. Mae Smith, City Recorder of Brookings and official Registrar for these Precincts or at the County Clerk's office in Gold Beach.

## BIG TIMBER —

It is reported that a fir taken off the Bill Smith place, about six miles up the highway, measuring 104 inches diameter at the butt and scaling 8200 feet. The

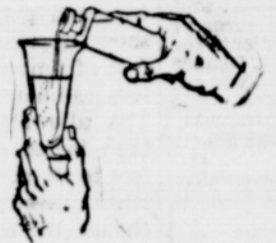
log is said to be large to be handled by the local mills and is going to Crescent City.

Keep your eye on FRIDAY, THE 13th.

## See MENNING

OLDSMOBILE — GMC TRUCKS  
COQUILLE AUTO CO.

## Seven Long Years



YOUR DOCTOR adds at least seven years of study to his high school education. Then he spends one or more years in a hospital with little or no compensation. Is it not reasonable to believe that he is better qualified to advise you in matters of health than are your well-meaning friends who have not had this education and experience? When you do not feel well, there are two safe things to do. First, consult your physician. Then bring his prescriptions to us for compounding.

## FRANK'S PHARMACY

— New Phone Number 444  
— Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. —



## See you later, Alligator

Ah, yes, the telephone is a mighty important instrument in the life of every teen-ager. And here's a suggestion that "cool cats" will heed: When you avoid prolonged conversations and telephone marathons, you do more than demonstrate good party-line manners... you also release the line for other calls to come through—for others and (who knows?) for you.



Use Party Lines 'Shavingly'  
The Call That Comes Through  
May Be For You

West Coast TELEPHONE COMPANY

## WHAT? NO TONSILS?

Pam Kerr's swallower was relieved of its swollen tonsils last weekend, which her parents hope will make Pam a better girl—physically, that is.

Shaving is Slicker—  
Blade Changing Quicker

**BUY Gillette BLUE BLADES IN HANDY DISPENSER**  
with used-blade compartment

70¢ 10¢  
98¢ 49¢

## — N-O-T-I-C-E —

The Curry County Court has received answers on the call for bids on the court house construction. These bids being in excess of the monies available. Negotiations with the low bidder was instituted, as a result of these negotiations the following facts resulted.

1. The \$300,000 estimated as a court house construction and finishing fund is inadequate.
2. An additional sum of approximately \$45,000 will be needed to complete a workable court house that will fill the present need and allow for future developments.
3. These monies will be available July 1, 1956 from regular sources of county income without a tax levy for that purpose.

The County Court would appreciate expressions of opinion by Curry County voters as to the tentative reservation of this \$45,000. In order that no further increase in building costs be encountered the County Court must enter into contract prior to April 13, 1956, and therefore solicits the opinion of the voters of Curry County prior to that date.

The aforementioned increases are due to already listed increases in prices in building materials with an effective date of increase as of July 1, 1956.

These opinions, pro and con, are sought by mail or in person.

— Curry County Court  
PAID ADVERTISEMENT  
REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 17  
to vote in the MAY 18 primaries.