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"THE FASTEST GROWING CITY"

The paper in our little sister city to the North has tried to usurp one of Brookings' fondest claims, that of being the "fastest growing city in Oregon."

We point out the following facts, not as bitter enemies, but rather as friendly rivals.

The Reporter carried the following headline—which we dispute. "Gold Beach Fastest Growing City in State; Brookings Next." A story following was strictly inaccurate, possibly because of haste typical in the weekly newspaper field.

The story explained how Brookings had a "growth of 100.9% since 1950, when the population was 1,525." This is simply not true, and could have been checked on by the simple process of picking up the 1954 Oregon Blue Book. In that document, on page 75-77, it lists the population of Brookings as 1,525 correctly. But a careful observer would notice a small figure attached, that read "Incorporated in July 1951, Census taken September 29, 1951."

Nobody knows what percentage Brookings grew since 1950, not even the Reporter, nor the State Board of Health, whose figures they quote, because Brookings wasn't even incorporated at that time. It is true that the City has gone up over 100 percent in less than 4 years, from 1,525 to 3,063. In those four years Brookings has gained over 1500 people. Gold Beach in FIVE YEARS has gained 970.

The most interesting part of the story is the part of what happened to Brookings in 1951 before the census, because that was the year the Plywood Company moved in with some 250 workers. We have no evidence to prove it, but we are convinced that less than 1,000 people lived in the general area known as "Brookings" in 1950.

Only by using some proven inaccurate figures can Gold Beach contest our claim as being the "fastest Growing City in the State."

LET'S GET OUT IN THE OPEN

Frankly, we are a little concerned about the lack of payment on the part of the citizens of Brookings on their sewer charge, levied by the City last winter. The City, acting on the suggestions of the Engineering firm of Cornell, Howell, Hayes and Merryfield, set up a \$2.00 per month charge. Part of the amount returned would be used to pay for general expenses in setting up an adequate sewer system for Brookings. Part of it would be used for engineering, main lines and pumping stations. Half of it, according to the ordinance, would be set aside, to be used solely for the building of a disposal plant for the City of Brookings.

The engineering firm believed that the assessment was a just one, and cited a similar ordinance in Albany, Oregon. The idea behind it has a certain amount of merit. The money collected in easy monthly installments of \$2.00 each, will defray expenses and costs that will have to be paid eventually. We are going to need a disposal system—and we are going to have to pay for it. This seemed like a way out by the city.

But—people just aren't paying their charges. We, as a newspaper, have a moral obligation to ask the City to re-appraise their original calculations, and ask themselves WHY the people aren't paying. According to a recent report made at a council meeting, approximately half the money billed on the sewer charges has come in. That figure is not where it should be, if the people believe it is a fair and just charge.

The Council expressed no particular concern over the situation, because they could, as they pointed out, turn the delinquent charges over to the County, and they would put a lien on the property.

However, as a medium of exchange of ideas, we would like to go further than that. We would like to bring the matter out in the open for more thought and discussion. We would like to see some letters to the Pilot, or to the City Council on the issue. We would like to see people attend the Council meetings to express their opinions, rather than just arbitrarily decide not to pay their bills. In other words, if they feel the charges are not right for some reason, let us hear about it. The Council, in passing the necessary ordinances

felt that they were acting in the best interests of the City. If you feel otherwise, now is the time to speak up.

The most common complaints about the charges is the old one of "Why should I pay for something I don't have," and "I don't think it is legal," and "Why didn't they let us vote on it?"

We have printed one full explanation of the charges by the city — and we would be happy to print another article written by city officials explaining in detail their feeling on the subject.

This underground bickering can hurt a community. We say let's get it out in the open.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

For those entertaining hopes of deriving any pleasure from the coming political campaign, the possibilities at the moment may seem somewhat remote. However, for those who can forget party affiliations and can examine with unprejudiced eyes the antics of those seeking public office, there undoubtedly will be many occasions providing cause for good who'some entertainment.

Surely, if one can watch in open-mouthed amazement as a magician pulls a bunny from a silk hat, he can do no less when a candidate lures prospective voters with the promise of lowering taxes and at the same time advocates better roads, more and larger schools and a stronger army, navy and air force.

And if one is completely astounded at the dexterity of the sleight-of-hand artist, who, while talking glibly to his victim, can extract the gentleman's wallet without his being aware of the transfer, certainly this prospective voter should be equally astonished at the finesse employed by the oily-tongued politician who corrals votes in much the same manner.

Speaking for myself, I get my greatest amusement from those candidates who set themselves up as knights in shining armor to fight the cause of certain large voting segments of our society which they know little and care less. Just yesterday, for example, I read the statement of a presidential candidate who bravely announced to the world that he was the friend of labor.

Now, labor is a highly important portion of our national picture, and deserves much more than disguised bribery for votes. This candidate failed to mention that he was also a friend of industry; and certainly if he has any sense at all he knows that government must be friends of both, if either is to prosper. He insults the intelligence of the voter when he intentionally disguises such knowledge.

Yes, I can see much humor in the coming campaign. My only hope is that I and my fellow-voters will be able to recognize the difference between the clown in the side-show performance and the star in the big arena. There is a time and place for humor; but the halls of government were not created to provide housing for amateur vaudevillians.

It is reported that should the parents of the youngsters—and the youngsters themselves—both boys and girls who plan to make use of the "Scout Building" would pitch in, the place would be ready for their use in a very short time. So far, most of the work and materials have come from men and women alive to the need and who don't have children who will make use of it.

Possibly some one will take it upon themselves to round up a crew of youths of both sexes, find out what they can do and fly to it. Certainly, there must be a little bit of something, even to picking up trash or slicking up the grounds would help. A suggested project is planting and caring for trees and shrubs, this being an ideal time of the year for such activities.

There is a definite under-current of reluctance on the part of many to interest themselves in the project when those for whom it is being built lay back and wait for others to finish it. And when it is ready for occupancy, there will be need for keeping it going—fuel, lights, insurance, and other items known as "overhead."

YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE
HANDS

HEART FUND WINS ACCLAIM

Brookings, credited with putting \$1,281.39 into the heart fund drive, tops many cities with even greater population. The figure clearly shows the value of thorough organization and not too much credit can be given to Mr. George Dunning who headed the Brookings-Harbor Sunday canvass, which netted \$1,247.89. The total figures for Curry County amounted to \$1,300. The Brookings-Harbor area contributed more than all of Josephine County, Myrtle Creek, the size of Brookings, is only credited with having wound up with \$18.03 in the fund; Coquille, \$696; Coos Bay, \$418 and North Bend \$57.

POLITICAL NEWS

Anyone caring for that sort of diversion could arrange with any newspaper office for their surplus political handouts. Every mail is loaded with first or second or third person prospectuses on the virtues or vileness of the various candidates and issues and other sufficient material for countless columns. It would take a full-time employee to read 'em all, and several full-time employees to set them in type and print and distribute them. What all the newspapers are waiting for are opinions accompanied by a bit of negotiable paper to help sustain these full and part-time employees.



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NO FIRE FUN

Fire Chief Mendenhall was showing us a new fog nozzle recently acquired for more efficient fire-fighting. Since the introduction of such new fangled devise, we haven't really had

a fire exciting enough to bother to go to.

CLINES MAKE MOVE

The James Cline family have moved into their new home in Harbor, purchased from the Harpers. They had previously been living in the "Tom Bourne's house" in Brookings. The Harpers are now settled in the former Roy Hogan home.

Ronald Akers and Richard Etters of Brookings have made the winter term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State College. Students must maintain at least a B plus average for honor roll listing.

Akers, son of Mrs. Mina Akers, Brookings, is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at OSC. Etters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Etters, is a graduate student in the school of science.

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Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 149,760,871.11
United States Government Bonds	268,355,222.40
Municipal and Other Bonds	73,235,050.90
Loans and Discounts—Net	320,952,997.13
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,200,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	10,379,983.59
Interest Earned	2,786,256.90
Other Resources	812,448.43
Total	\$ 627,482,830.41

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 200,000,000.00
Surplus	17,280,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,700,000.00
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	4,794,279.02
Dividends Declared	650,000.00
Deposits	722,280,322.89
Interest Collected Not Earned	4,757,823.85
Other Liabilities	143,044.32
Total	\$ 627,482,830.41

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