

# 1956 AZALEA FESTIVAL PRINCESSES



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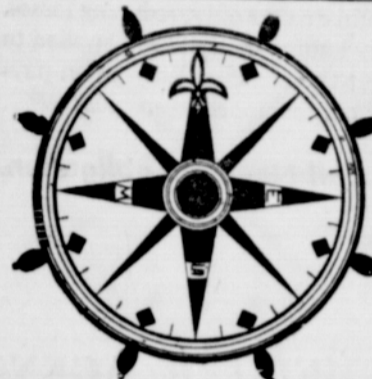
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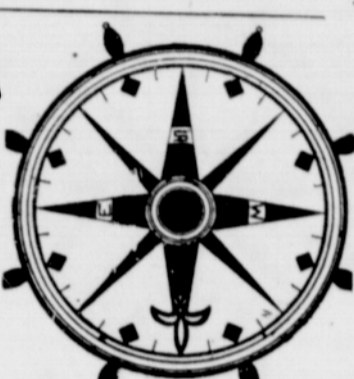


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## To Pick Queen On Friday Night

### Coach Is Hired To Head Football

A head football coach was hired last week by the Brookings-Harbor school district, according to D. D. Williams, superintendent. He reported that Douglas MarFarlane, of Parkrose, Ore., will become the new math teacher, and will be the head football coach here, if football becomes a reality.

MacFarlane is a graduate of the University of Washington, and played football under Howie Odell. He was the lightest line-man ever to play at that school. He taught at Parkrose three years, as an assistant football coach, and in the mathematics department. He comes highly recommended in the mathematics field, Williams said.

Also signed were Mr. and Mrs. Valentine. Mr. Valentine will teach high school, probably the English and math, while Mrs. Valentine will teach Junior High or elementary. They are from Crane, Oregon. Mr. Valentine has a masters degree from the U. of North Dakota and Mrs. Valentine has a bachelors from Valley City State Teachers. She has a music background.

### Mrs. Charlotte Rasmussen Suffers Attack, Dies

Mrs. Charlotte Rasmussen, formerly of Hood River and for the last few months the book-keeper at the C. Ed Dempsey Agency died early Thursday morning. She suffered a heart attack.

Her son, James J. Macleod, of Eugene, will arrive in Brookings to handle the arrangement. Roy Brown has taken charge of the remains. A full obituary will be given next week.

Last Saturday Bert DeMoss and Stan Patterson were busy moving the Patterson's furniture into their lovely new home up the Chetco. They hoped to be completely moved by Sunday.

The Azalea Festival Queen will be announced this Friday night, right after the graduation ceremonies, at the Senior Reception. Supt. of Schools D.D. Williams will make the announcement. The girls on the Azalea Court are: Melody Brimm, Sylvia Gates, Barbara Hedberg, Kay Nichols, Marlene Olson and Ann Baldwin. One of these will reign as Queen.

The girls were chosen on the following points—25 points for school popularity, 25 points for grades, 25 points for poise, personality and charm and 25 points for school citizenship. These ratings have been used for the past two years in selecting the Azalea Court, and the committee had an extremely difficult task in the final tabulation of points to select the court for 1956.

### PET PARADE ROUTE LISTED

The parade route has been announced for the big Azalea Festival Pet Parade, to be held Saturday morning, June 9th. The parade will form at 9:45 in the lot behind the Mobil Gas Station and will travel down Chetco Ave to the lot adjacent to the Beresa homes, where prizes will be awarded.

Children entering the parade are asked to register at Minoer's Jewelry. Starting time for the parade is 10:30 a.m.

Awards are divided into eight divisions: Division I, Horses; Division II, Cattle, sheep and Goats; Division III, Cats, which is divided into these sub-divisions: best entry; funniest; prettiest; ugliest; and largest. Division IV, Rabbits, chip-monks, ducks, chickens; Division V, Dogs, which is sub-divided the same as cats; Division VI, Bikes, trikes and other conveyances. Division VII, Individuals, costumes, clowns, etc. Division VIII, Miscellaneous entries.

## 44 To Graduate Here on Friday

### BROOKINGS-HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1955-56

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mabel Ann Baldwin        | Stephen Hugh Henry      |
| Darlean JoAnn Barnes     | Ralph Franklin Ingle    |
| John Richard Berger      | Lois LaClair Johnson    |
| Charles Milton Blair     | Joan Marie Kuhnhehn     |
| Melody Elaine Brimm      | William Dean Land       |
| Gary Lee Bowlin          | Ted Lloyd Loring        |
| Sharon Lee Center        | Gerald Kenneth Myers    |
| Lendle Jay Colbert       | Norma Kay Nichols       |
| Gary Lee Coates          | Marlene Jane Olson      |
| Janet Irene Crump        | Shirley Beard Pate      |
| John Wyatt Curtis        | Vernon Lee Pettegrew    |
| Joanne Elizabeth Darger  | Virginia Akers Pullen   |
| Bruce Edward Ellison     | John Francis Smith      |
| Thelma Cleo Erwin        | Jean Gott Stacey        |
| Richard Eugene Fadling   | Judith Louise Stonedahl |
| Sylvia Jeanne Gates      | Charles Scott Tierce    |
| Douglas Scott Goldsberry | Loretta Anne Waldien    |
| Joy Bernice Gott         | Karen Arlene Wallace    |
| Barbara Kaye Gould       | Sandra Jean Way         |
| Dennis Patrick Graham    | Valnora Joyce Washburn  |
| Clifford Francis Guthrie | Gay Leroy Weaver        |
| Barbara Ann Hedberg      | Victor Robert Yahr      |

### WILLIAMS IS A WINNER —

Delos D. Williams, Superintendent of the local schools, has been awarded a \$100 scholarship to the Workshop in Economic Education, meeting in Portland June 18, to July 6th.

### BUYS HOME

Fell Campbell has purchased the home of Ivan Wick, on Crissey Circle, adjacent to the home of William Crissey. The Wicks who recently built the home, are moving to Grants Pass, where he plans on going into the trailer house business.

Forty-four Brookings-Harbor students will graduate from high school Friday night, in the 31st annual graduation exercises here.

Dr. James Millar, director of Oregon Good Citizenship Foundation will give the commencement address on "Your Immediate Problems."

The high school band will play the processional, under the direction of Clarence Dial. Rev. Emil Kies will give the invocation.

The Salutatory address will be given by Kay Nichols, while the Valedictorian address will be given by Marlene Olson. The senior ensemble will play the "Recessional."

The band will play four selections.

Mrs. Catherine Doherty will present scholarship awards. Gene Allison, Principal, will present the graduates, and William Thompson, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas. Rev. Ed F. McClain will give the benediction.

The graduates:

### LOCAL ELKS ATTEND CONVO

A group of local Elks will attend the State Elks Convention, slated for this weekend at Seaside, Oregon. The convention starts on Thursday, May 31, and ends Saturday, June 2nd.

Those leaving here are Merle Hanscam, Exalted Ruler; Bob Rettke, Lary Roemmich, Fred Moore, Gordon Goetz, Clarence Krueger, Jim Violett, Glenn Sandstrom, and Andrew Nilson, who will be initiated into the Lodge there.

### ★ Pipe Dreams



### By JOE MURPHY

What with the graduations, Azalea Festival, and other various activities around it keeps a guy hopping. Virg Clark seems to be hopping more than most. In trying to co-ordinate 15 odd festival committees he has his work cut out for him. Then, of course, he has the Boy Scout fund drive, the building, and the camporee to worry about. He does have some work for the Chamber of Commerce to help keep him out of mischief. It must be difficult to buy any logs for the Plywood under those conditions, but he seems to be doing it.

### — Pipe Dreams —

I attended "little Paris" the other night in Clive Manley's garage. All the artists in town were congregating with paint brushes in hand. I was out of place, but drank my tea like a stout fellow. It was the first artist garret I was ever in that forced a Lincoln out in the rain.

### — Pipe Dreams —

Along that line, Les Dimmick has a new type of frame hanging in his office. The frame is fine, but the picture doesn't seem to do him justice.

### — Pipe Dreams —

The Boy Scout drive kick-off breakfast was well attended. Ben Phetteplace and his crew did a nice job of serving chow to the crew before they departed on their mission. All donated to the cause by Ben too, which is quite an amount in itself, considering that I wolfed down three pieces of ham and drank 5 cups of coffee all by myself.

### ANNUAL BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE JUNE 1st

The annual Curry County Boy Scout Camporee will be held near here this next weekend, on June 1-2-3, according to Virgil Clark, district executive.

The Camporee will be held on the Tamba Ranch, up the South Bank of the Chetco. Troops of Langlois, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings will participate. The boys will cook their own meals, pitch their own tents and in general, will have a real outing.

Frank Hyatt's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Peterson, of Pocatello, Idaho, were guests at the Hyatt home for a few days last week.

### New Commercial Building Planned

More than \$60,000 in building permits have been taken out already this month, according to Ralph Reed, city work superintendent. Reed reported that a new commercial building will be the biggest item of new construction.

Work was expected to start on the new building late this week. It will be built by Dr. R. E. Cate, adjacent to the Campbell Building in North Brookings, which houses the Western Auto Store and Franks Pharmacy. The commercial building will be 48 feet wide, with recessed fronts and will be 65 feet deep.

Horton and Son will do the construction. It will be of concrete block.

Four new residential permits were also taken out, Reed disclosed. Ira Darst will build a home on Tanbark Road, at an estimated cost of \$12,600.

G. P. Christensen will build a \$13,800 home on Iowa Street. Billie King will build a \$9,375 home on Mootw Lane and the B and W Construction Co. will build a \$11,350 home on Memory Lane.

Also Don Horton will spend about \$1,000 on an addition to the Morgan Apartments, which he recently purchased. Merrill Bullock will build an addition on his home; Juanita Echols will put a car port addition on her home; and Fred Fox will spend an estimated \$2,700 to remodel the home he recently purchased from Homer Haggerty.

## History of the Azalea Festival, Park Reported

"I give you a garden!"

With these words, Sam Boardman, as superintendent of the Oregon State Parks System, presented to the people of the world renowned twenty odd acres overlooking the Chetco, at Brookings. That was just sixteen years ago, the twentieth of this month—May 26, 1939—and since that date untold thousands of people have enjoyed its glories and have helped preserve them as a garden which shall endure. Nowhere else in the world is there such a concentration of native, western azaleas. All about them, unthinking people have grubbed out these gorgeous shrubs to make way for their less enduring wants. Others, elsewhere, unprotected, will undoubtedly will be redesigned to oblivion, the room they have taken up since the beginning of things, being required for homes, shops, or manufacturing. But in Brookings Azalea State Park, fore-thinking, deep lovers of the beauties man hasn't improve upon, made it impossible for them to be entirely

wiped out.

It is to two of our own Brookings neighbors, all people will ever owe this rhapsody of Nature, Elmer Bankus and Will Crissey, "Elmer" managing the remains of the old Brookings, of which the park was a portion, just had a notion it should be preserved and "Will" undertook the tremendous job of making "Elmer's" project workable for all time.

It rained, of course, on the memorable day the park was dedicated. Many, many notables attended and despite the showers, appropriately took over the tract, adjoining later to the old "Community Hall," which used to stand on the now vacant lot, back of the Chetco Inn. The affair, of course, warranted a Queen and King, the honors falling to Martha Hassett (Olson) and Robert Stanhurst.

There was a rather local flurry of a celebration the year that followed but the Azalea Park had a tremendous international boost when a colored picture of the park was used as the cover

of the State Highway folder with the added attraction, Miss Martha, as a living subject. The picture was also used exclusively in color, in National advertising of Oregon.

In '41, the Azalea Festival and Flower Show really got underway. It was held on May 3rd, with Miss Charlotte Lytle as the Queen. The Flower Show was held in what is now called the "Kerr" Building, and occupied the entire area, including the old huge stairway. It was quite disorganized but kindly remembered because the neighbors just brought in what they considered their prettiest posies. A passing editor of a national garden magazine chanced to drop in and remarked it as one of the most memorable shows, because of this informality, that he and his lady had ever seen.

Will Crissey was overall chairman of the events, that year of '41, the year the "Wild Hawg" feed was first staged. This barbecue gang was composed of: Wilson Freeman, Mike Page,

Howard Tilton, Walter Pearmine, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kindell.

Mrs. John Musser was in the charge of reception committee at the park.

The Flower Show committee was Gladys Kindell, Marie Bickner, Bertha Moore, Bertha Tilton and Ellen Johnson.

Lloyd Moore, Bill Chadwick, May Lytle and Lily Myers were in charge of the banquet, which was held in the hall across the street from the present Brookings Garage. This really was a BANQUET, the principal speaker being Marshall Dana and the fact that the Cave Men attended warrants no dearth of entertainment. The banquet was followed by a dance in the Grange Hall.

The Ball was in charge of Claude Goldizen, Alfred Bell, Vern Hanscam, Dora Beaulieu, Jim Frazier, Mrs. C. E. Joelson and Orval Nye.

Those on the reception committee at the dance were, Mrs. Goldie Smith, Mrs. Marie Bickner, Leo Lucas, Mrs. Roy Beck-

er, Charlie Cooper, and Sam Borland, if memory serves, the orchestra numbered Dave Crockett, Irene Porter (Mrs. Claude Clayton) and Clarence Crook.

Then came the war and even though restrictions were restricted the park was a tranquil place where many, many went to commune with their thoughts and to renew their Faith in Their Country and the Omnipotent.

Memorial Day of '46 the west-ival and Flower Show were resumed with June Shrader (Hart) reigning as queen, the flower show being staged in the present grade school gymnasium. The ensuing years saw truly bigger and better and more widely attended celebrations and the event began to assume, after the war years, more of a home coming and occasion for family gatherings.

And, in the ensuing years, various of our young ladies ruled as Queens. In '47, it was Joan MacDonald; and in '48, Charlotte Landauer (Crook). For the Nationally famed do-

in's of 1949, Miss Joan Byrne was the honored damsel. It was that year that the Azalea Garden Club was honored with the visit of nearly all the state garden club presidents in the country, who having heard of our show, interrupted their bus tour between San Francisco and the National Convention of American Garden Clubs, at Portland, to have a locksee—a whole Greyhound chartered bus load. And it was that same year that the club won the Purple Ribbon award, something that each and every club member—and especially of those years—will tell you all about at the slightest indication of interest.

Then in '51, Beverly Hill (Thompson) reigned, followed by Patricia Highland, in 1952; Carla Whillock in '53; and in 1954, as a diversion, there was a Curry County-wide competition, won by Gwen Newton, of Port Orford who quenced, very regally. But, in '55, selection was resumed of the lower end of the County with (Continued on Back Page)