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Recreation For Our Youngsters . . .

There has been some discussion around and about the city on the possibility of building a swimming pool for the youngsters. It is still in the discussion stage. Nobody has taken any action.

In the main, we're opposed to the idea. We are, of course, open minded about the project, but there are just too many bugs which can't seem to be worked out at this stage.

We believe strongly in the idea of our youngsters learning to swim, and we think that swimming is one of the most wholesome of all recreations.

But—Brookings just isn't ready for such a project. There are too many things we need first, and worse. Besides, an outdoor swimming pool in this area would be used for so few days of the year, most youngsters would prefer swimming in the river anyway. An indoor pool would be wonderful—but the expense would be terrific for a community this size.

A much better way for the townspeople to spend their promotional time and effort would be to secure facilities for a summer supervised recreational program for the youngsters. That situation is currently one of the most deplorable in Brookings. The youth have no place to play during the summer. With an outlay of several thousands of dollars for a paid director, and equipment the city could have, and should have a recreational program.

The leaders of the community, educational, city administration, religious, business leaders—including the "Pilot"—should feel a twinge of shame at allowing another summer to come without a playground, and playground facilities for their youngsters.

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During the past week the have dropped to a low not reached in over twenty years. All the listed stocks have been on the down grade and paper losses, last weekend, were said to be around 8 billion dollars.

Various causes have brought this about, notably the falling cost of automobile construction, a lag in new buildings, with consequent loss of steel orders and transportation, along with the tightening up of credit.

Publication of a 14-pound, 3,122 page directory of the Am-

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS —

During the summer vacation we learn from the Brookings HI-LIHTS, considerable work is planned for improving the interior of the new building. The shop, music room, and three of the classrooms in the cafeteria will be completed with cork floors and the ceiling and walls sealed. In the music room there will be permanent risers, instrument storage and special storage space for music.

Outside the building the parking area will be blacktopped as well as the bus loading area and possible black topping on the south side of the building to be used for parking space also.

Two classrooms are to be developed in the balcony of the gym.

And, if there is any money left over, there is a possibility it may be used for improving the recreational area.

TEN YEARS AGO THAT . . .

Daily truck service was started between Brookings and Coos Bay.

Joseph T. Jacobs attended the World S.D.A. Conference, in Washington, D.C.

Homer Johnson caught three big ling cod and claims another was too stout for him.

Gustafson's house being built by Mason and Edwards and also another for Tom Newtons.

Bob Barton home from long service in the Navy, in the Western Pacific.

Wes and Floyd Kindell clearing off alders on their property where Memory Lane was punched through.

Bill Weideman was rescued from fall into the ocean, while he was fishing, by Jim Petty, "Ma" Jenkins and Mrs. Liz Shindler.

The Pete Tierce family move to Montana.

Norma Felipe graduated, the Upper Chetco school and she and brother Tony, put on an accordion and dance show at the doin's.

Ed Ackley hung out his lawing shingle.

Old bridge at Joe Hall Creek replaced by big culverts, according to commissioner, Art Crook.

Rev. Oliver Ison served as the chaplain, Memorial Day service, at the cemetery.

GET FORESTRY DEGREES —

Curtis Swanson and Robert Scofield, both attached to the Chetco Ranger District, U.S.F.S. will go out to Corvallis, June 4th to receive their degrees in forestry at Oregon State College.

Both the young men will continue in their timber sales work.

Scofield has worked the past five summers at Cave Junction.

American Medical Association was started this week. It will list 240,638 doctors of the U.S. and Canada, with some 46,000 added since last year and 25,000 deleted because of death or retirement.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

When you come right down to it, I suspect that one of the most cherished desires on the part of any individual is to be considered of some importance. Whether he be the greatest musician of his age or the best whistler on his block, the feeling of satisfaction derived from that knowledge does much toward improving his outlook on life in general.

It naturally follows then that he who praises someone for a job well done is making a definite contribution to the happiness of a fellow human. That is why I find myself continually surprised by the selfishness of some who are miserly in their words of commendation when it is within their power to use them. When one takes into consideration the little effort or sacrifice that is involved in the utterance of a few words of congratulation, the mystery deepens as to the reason for their reluctance.

Many times I have heard some one say in regard to a successful accomplishment on the part of a colleague, "Well, after all, that is what he is paid to do." The assumption underlying such a statement is that the only reward sought or needed is that of financial remuneration.

The fact does remain, however that anyone, regardless of how modest or unassuming he may be, will certainly never be offended by having someone pat him on the back for a job well done. And while I have never heard of labor stipulating in any contract that the boss shall always give praise where due, I would nevertheless maintain that such recognition on the part of any administration goes farther toward improving labor relations than any negotiated wage scale.

In reality, it is rather difficult to determine who gains the greater pleasure, the giver or the receiver. It has long been a standard saying that it takes less muscles to smile than it does to frown. It goes without saying that words of commendation can do more to ease the ulcers of both the donor and the receiver than any medical prescription now on the market.

The proof is in the pudding, of course, and so I would say as does the high powered cigarette commercial, "Try saying nice things to those around you for a week and you will never go back to being a self-centered sour puss!"

After a busy week of campaigning student body elections were held. The results are as follows: President, Phil Kessler; Vice-President, Ron Bullock; Treasurer, Phyllis Cole; Assistant Treasurer, Judy Sadler; Secretary, Shirley Hewitt and Sergeant at Arms, Bob Berger. The Song Queens are Jackie Smith and Cathleen Heckathorn. Yell Leaders are Charlotte Jensen, Janet Glass and Verna Rae Arnet.

Various means of campaigning were parading up and down the hall with signs and a small band, also giving out lollipops with the names of the candidates attached to them.

Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Omlin, Among those down to the reception for Rev. Hugh Gearin, last Sunday evening, from Gold Beach, were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mr. and Mrs. Blankenheim, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Oliphant, the later now living at Empire, where Mr. Oliphant is in charge of a huge army dredge.

FIRE FIGURES —
Report by the State Fire Marshall for the calendar year of 1955 shows Brookings had 5 reported fires in which there was only a 1 percent of loss in relation to the actual value of the property involved and insurance claims of \$1,726 were paid. Gold Beach reported 10 fires, on which \$4,131 was allowed by the insurers, or 13.47 percent of their actual value. Port Orford had 5 fires, claiming \$776 loss for a 2.98 percent of the value. Cave Junction had but 3 fires, the loss being held to \$178 worth of insurance paid, or 29 percent of the property involved.

TO THE EDITOR —

I should like to express by appreciation for your articles on voting procedures. Feel sure they were of real help to the voters as well as the members of the Election Boards.

With changing election procedures, the forming of new precincts and numerous new voters in our county, it has created a problem at least partially solved by your cooperation.

Should like anyone not allowed to vote because of a precinct change, registration or any other reason to contact the County Clerk's office.

Most sincere thanks to you and your staff.

Very Truly Yours,
Oleta A. Walker, Clerk

FOREST FALLACY —

A current fallacy that the sap of the tree rises in the Spring and "goes down" in the Fall is put straight by the Forest Products Laboratory. They state that the difference about sap is that it is always circulating actively in Spring and Summer. It is always "up" and never "down." By actual weighing, the logs are heavier in winter than in the Spring, showing that they have more sap in the inactive period. If the sap were "down" no tree could freeze in winter, as they often do, with a loud crack.

Jim Lusk was down from the Upper Winchuck, Tuesday, and the medics took a sample of his face to send out to see if they could find another one, like it, Jim says.

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