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HIGHWAY 101 REPORT . . .

Two things came up during the last week that gave us a jolt, concerning Highway 101. One, a tourist reported to this office that he had been advised by persons in Crescent City not to travel highway 101 north because it was a "gravel" road. The second was a letter from C. D. Curtis, Commissioner of Public Roads to Senator Wayne Morse, received indirectly by this office.

Curtiss said that "The section of U. S. 101 . . . is included in the Federal-aid primary highway system approved for Oregon which establishes its eligibility

for improvement with Federal-aid funds when requested by the State and matched in an appropriate amount by funds under the control of the State."

These two separate disclosures don't seem to add up.

When will the State Highway Commission realize that although it is mainly the people along the coast that are doing the screaming, that the improvement of highway 101 will help the whole State?

Don't they know that the people of California, or the farmers of Nebraska or Iowa, vacationing out here on the Coast want to see the ocean? They don't want to drive up Highway 99 except for the expediency of travel. Don't they know the the word about the deplorable condition of highway 101 in the Brookings-Gold Beach section is getting around? Although several national magazines pictured the beauties of the Oregon Coast, the best advertisement is by mouth, from one tourist to his neighbor. If you were a tourist, or if the highway commission people were tourists would highway 101 be recommended? We know of plenty of people that would recommend the Gold Beach-Brookings Road only to their worst enemy.

What Would A Fish Harbor Mean?

What would a fishing harbor mean to this community? During the past week, after the exciting announcement by Senator Wayne Morse that the Chetco River Project was on the Senate budget, that question has been asked frequently around town.

Frankly, we are not able to see in the future and say what it will mean to the Brookings-Harbor area. However, we can point out what it means to Crescent City, our sister city to the south.

Commercial delivery of fish over the Citizens Dock in Crescent City last year was 2,595,156 pounds according to reports released by fish and game officials.

The officials reported that 155 boats of the regularly Crescent-based fleet in 1955 made 3855 round trips from the harbor to fishing grounds. The figures do not include party boats, pleasure boats or those visiting from Oregon or ports to the south.

Besides that, only a year ago it was discovered shrimp could be taken off Del Norte in sufficient quantities to make commercial packing possible. This year a Crescent City operator will employ upwards of 100 women in a packing plant there.

We don't anticipate anything like that for Brookings this year or next—but eventually it could happen.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE .

Regardless of how others may feel, I find myself becoming increasingly puzzled relative to the current epidemic of public opinion polls. Hardly a day passes but what I find in my daily paper, weekly news journal, or monthly magazine some survey of the average American's opinion of the moment.

What concerns me most is that while the public is apparently being polled on practically every facet of opinion, neither my own opinion nor that of any of my acquaintances has ever been solicited. The question then naturally arises as to the source of this information with a doubt being born as to its validity.

I am not so young but that I can still remember the once familiar Literary Digest which has passed away unmentioned as the result of its inaccurate polling of opinion prior to the presidential election of 1936. That publication had made the mistake of questioning only those people whose names were taken from telephone books or from lists of car owners. In the election, those who could afford neither telephones or cars were the ones who made liars of the Literary Digest.

One is also tempted to question the cooperativeness of those interviewed by poll takers. Certainly, any individual who cherishes the sanctity of his vote is not going to deprive himself of the thrill of casting it by making his vote known beforehand. Similarly, the possibility exists that the interviewee may not be entirely honest in his answers. Certainly the number of feminine protests which followed the last Kinsey report on women would seem to indicate that some of those interviewed had been more guilty of bragging than of confession.

All of which boils down to the question as to whether such polls have value. I will admit that if I had a desire to be on the winning side in the coming elections, it would be nice to know in advance which would be victorious. At the same time, for the sake of democracy, maybe it would be better if I made my own decision.

Therein, in my own opinion lies the principle weakness of the professional prediction. There are far too many people in this country already who rely on

others to do their thinking for them. They certainly don't need further encouragement.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor and the People of Brookings:

In regard to a recent editorial concerning a suggested swimming pool. We are compelled to write that in order to achieve anything we need the cooperation, not only of you, but of each and every person in Brookings.

As you know, the children, the teenagers and adults have one show and one bowling alley to turn to for recreation and entertainment.

Let's get together and start things going. Only our interest and ability to work together will get us what we want.

— Two Disturbed Teenagers (Names withheld on request)

SISTER VISITS MRS. FORGIE

Mrs. Nettie Harris, of San Mateo, California, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Florence Forgie, of Harbor.

Before married, the two women were Nettie and Florence Sherman, and were cousins of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

Mrs. Harris talks very familiarly of the general who often visited her grandfather's home, Grandfather Sherman, surnamed Joel, was a drummer boy during the Civil War. Mrs. Harris recalls that the general was a fiery red-head with a terrible temper and "how he could cuss!"

Mrs. Harris' own mother was one of ten children; the family coming out via wagon in the early 80's. She lived with her grandmother for much of her life and is familiar with the details of the family's long trek out. Grandmother, a school teacher, not only taught her own brood, on the way out, but also all the other children in the train. On Fridays, they halted, along the way, for the women folks to wash and cook, but school was kept going just the same, with the classes held at night.

"I have heard grandmother tell of folding up her featherbed and sitting on it in the back of the wagon," Mrs. Harris recalls, "and sewing all the garments used by her family, as the wagon plodded along."

This kindly old lady lived to be a hundred years old and spent her last years under the kindly care of Mrs. Harris. "I count it as one of my life's greatest privileges to have cared for Mother," Mrs. Harris says.

The Sherman family settled in Contra Costa County, California where a hundred acres were bought to add to the family homestead lands. It was here, while on a California visit, that the general met the beautiful senorita from Monterey which developed a romance Californians love to tell. After the general left, the senorita planted a rose tree in his memory—the famed Sherman Rose, well-known in California.

Sidney Croft Lodge Celebrates 10th Year

The Tenth Anniversary of the chartering of Sidney Croft Lodge 206, A.F. & A.M. will be observed on August 11th, according to announcements being made by the lodge officers. Invitations will be sent, in due time, to other lodges and to members of the local branch.

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Shortcake Biscuits

Combine: 2 cups biscuit mix
 1/2 cup milk or light cream*
 1/4 cup melted butter
 Mix lightly until blended. Turn out on lightly floured board or cloth and knead 4 or 5 times. Cut in large rounds. Bake at 450 degrees 15 minutes or until golden brown.

*To make a large shortcake to cut in slices or squares, add 1/2 cup milk or cream. Mix lightly and spread in greased baking pan. Bake at 425° about 20 minutes. Satisfying in every way, eye-appealing and mouth-watering; there is nothing that tells you so well that summer is really here. Try Strawberry Shortcake for snacking, dessert-time, party-time or anytime . . . serve plenty.

REMEMBER: Summertime energy is in your shortcake, too. The choice Oregon wheat used in your shortcake helps give you the needed energy for the hot summer months, by contributing rich body building protein.

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