

PIPE DREAMS . . .



By Joe Murphy

Now I know what Brookings looks like from the air, thanks to Junior Hanscam and his air flivver. We left here Friday evening at 5 p.m. and arrived in Eugene just a few minutes past 6, flying over Agnes on the way down. This would have been a six hour drive.

Coming home wasn't quite so easy. We left Eugene at about 7 a.m. but flew down the Coast most of the way, almost at water level. That coast line is truly beautiful from the air, especially at that altitude. We circled over Brookings more than an hour, unable to land because of the heavy fog at Crissey State Line field. Brookings was clear, but the fog was so heavy at the field we couldn't see ground.

Viewing the timber from the air impressed me the most. We have a good deal of it in the mountains behind us, but the huge stands of first growth timber between Coos Bay and Roseburg really was a sight to behold. Anyway, it certainly is the way to travel fog or no, and I believe that inside of ten years most of us will be zipping along through the wild blue yonder.

Several bouquets could be tossed out at this point. I think Tom McKenzie, and his crew for their work on the Soap Bob derby and Val Mendenhall and the fire boys for their efforts on our Fourth of July fireworks, deserve a lot of commendation.

Spring must have come late this year. At any rate, the rumors which are generally reserved for that season are flying around the town in great abundance. In fact, inhabitants of a certain coffee shop have made up a song about it.

**Timber Group To Meet July 14**

The Curry County Timber operators will meet at the Sunset Inn in Gold Beach on Saturday, July 14 at 3 p.m. All loggers and lumbermen are urged to attend the special meeting.

The meeting will be geared to try and achieve closer relations with the Forest Service and to discuss the annual allowable cut. Discussion is also planned on access roads, with particular emphasis given to the Gold Beach-Agness road. The group in an endeavor to secure more members and to have a stronger organization, will lower the dues.

**Firemen Go Into Hole for the 4th**

The fire ladders gave the community a good show down at the mouth of the river, the night of the Fourth and now they're in the hole! This is the disappointing word they're putting out after a display that they figure must have been seen by at least 5,000 people who would, otherwise, had no fireworks.

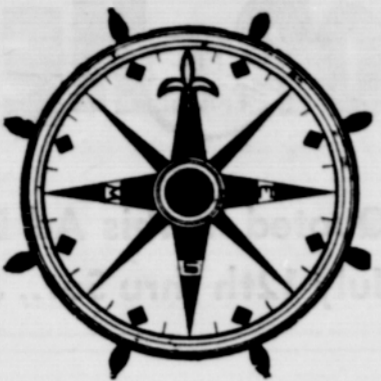
Fire Chief Mendenhall reports that the firemen wish all those who neglected to return the contribution envelopes they sent out—and fully three-quarters of them were NOT returned—would take care of this little matter. It would not only wipe clean the red ink now decorating their community project but might make a starter for similar show, next year.

It took a great deal of planning and actual work, let alone the financing, to put on the display and is a community feature it would be well to perpetuate.

**Quarterbacks to meet**

**Phone Number On Rise Here**

According to the recent release by the West Coast Telephone Co., there are now 755 phones in Brookings, an increase of 58 since last December 20. Gold Beach has 761 in its exchange, an increase of 48 in the same period. Other statistics: Smith River, 254, up 16; Port Orford, 367, up 15;

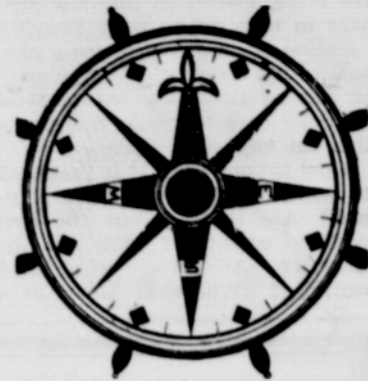


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**Attack Is Leveled At Phone Co.**



THREE NEW OWNERS OF CURRY COUNTY LUMBER CO. are, from left to right, Ross Gulley, Marion Comfort and Emmett Gulley. The men took possession last week of the Brookings firm. Pilot Photo

**AGNEW LEASES PLANT**

**Bank Deposits Continue Upward**

The United States National Bank showed deposits totaling \$734,360,620 as of June 30, 1956, according to figures just released.

The Brookings branch reported deposits of \$4,365,987.18 according to K. J. Kirk, manager.

Loans and discounts for the home-owned statewide banking system increased more than 55 million dollars during the past year. The 12-month gain now gives U. S. National a loans and discounts total of \$343,145,885.

Loans and discounts for the Brookings branch now total \$3,881,361.44, Kirk reported.

Total resources for the U. S. National bank at the end of this 12-month period are \$808,197,869—up more than five million dollars over this time last year.

"The progress of our bank, growing hand in hand with the state of Oregon, clearly points out that we have good reason to be optimistic and have confidence in the economy of our nation and the free enterprise system," commented E. C. Sammons, U. S. National president.

**Attend National Elks Convention**

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hanscam are in Chicago where they are attending the national Elks Convention. Mr. Hanscam is the Exalted Ruler of the Brookings Elks Lodge.

**Nickel Mine?**

Eastern principals are said to have been in the area, recently, looking into the possibilities of operating in low grade nickel ores. Recent advances made in the processing of nickel have widened the field considerably it seems.

**Just What is 4-H Summer School**

What is 4-H summer school? That is the question I posed to Marilyn Hale, fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hale. Marilyn was one of the girls from Curry county who attended summer school this year.

Marilyn proceeded to tell me that the 4-H summer school is held in Corvallis on the campus of Oregon State college. This year the ten day session was held June 12-22. Nearly two thousand 4-Hers from all over Oregon attended this session whose purpose is to help develop these young people into better leaders and to give them new insight into 4-H club-work.

The state directors went to a lot of work to make this summer session interesting and worthwhile for the twelve to twenty-one year olds who attended. Four classes were held in the morning from eight until noon. These classes covered a wide variety of topics varying from personality, personal appearance and etiquette to canning, sewing and others.

Afternoons and evenings were spent in a number of other activities. There were assembly programs in which the young people took part as well as many kinds of recreation. These activities shared by both boys and girls helped to promote social growth.

Marilyn mentioned two of the meals which were particularly fun. One of these was "pig night". This event followed an intensive study of correct table manners. Anyone caught breaking a rule from those laid down by Emily Post was called "pig" and fined a penny. According to Marilyn it took awhile before they got the rules down pat and there got to be enough pennies to pay for a watermelon feed. These 4-Hers really learn by doing.

The second meal mentioned was backward night. Here everyone wore their clothes backward, sat on their chairs backward and ate their meal backward, dessert first. Who says eating isn't fun?

It is hoped that 4-H clubwork can be more closely organized here in Brookings. One of the things that will help is opening an extension service here for at least one day a week. 4-H clubs are one of the best organizations for our young people under the direction of capable leaders young people are taught to do for themselves in an efficient and responsible manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boardman had as houseguests over the Fourth, Mr. Boardman's two sisters, Mrs. Merwin Parker of Medford and Mrs. Albert Cavin of Butte Falls, and their families. Other recent guests at the Boardman home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Northrup and their six children of Butte Falls, who spent a week end here.

**Soap Box Race Set For Saturday**

Saturday is a big day for 11 Brookings-Harbor boys. That will be the big Soap Box Derby race in Grants Pass. About 125 boys were in Grants Pass Saturday for inspection, and time trials. That many will be in the Grants Pass race, that covers all of southern Oregon.

The Brookings boys will receive a breakfast here before starting off for Grants Pass early Saturday morning.

The boys reported that they had a fine time at the trial run last Saturday, accompanied by Tom McKenzie, Bob Rettke and Buzz Stewart. Besides the races they had a swimming party and a dinner at the Active Club.

It was reported that at least one boy, not from Brookings, crashed into a brick wall when swerving down the track at about 20 m.p.h.

**HOSPITAL HERE GIVEN THOUGHT**

Few interested people turned out Monday night to a special meeting relative to a hospital for the Brookings area. The meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce, who acted on the request of Fell Campbell, city councilman. The Chamber sent cards to various organizations asking for representation at the meeting.

Only about 10 appeared, including Dr. Paul Ronniger. Ronniger said he would like to see a hospital built here, but realizes the problems, especially in maintenance. Several persons expressed the opinion that the Community was too small to support a hospital at this time.

Discussion was held about the various problems that would arise in building and maintaining such a plant. Chairman Fell Campbell agreed that thinking on the hospital wouldn't be dropped. It was decided that more information and facts about what the community could support would be uncovered, as well as information regarding other communities of this size.

A further meeting on the subject would be held in the fall.

**Ackley Wins G.O.P. Chairman Title**

Formation of the Republican Central Committee of Curry county was announced this week. Ed Ackley, Brookings attorney, has been elected chairman, Ann Ryan, Ophir, vice chairman; Thomas McKenzie, Brookings, secretary-treasurer and Frederic Starkweather Jr. Gold Beach was elected finance chairman.

Committee membership includes Vernon Hanscam, Lois Peterson, Harbor; Ackley, McKenzie, Hope Lindsey and Sylvia Knox, Brookings; Warren McNeely, Violet Gillette, Ferrello; Clement and Ermyrn Bridge, Pistol River; Edward Schwarz, Reta Ganong, Herbert Dewart and Adelle Corbin, Gold Beach; Noland Chenoweth, Ann Ryan, Ophir; M. E. Kelly, Minnie King, Port Orford; Ray Zumwalt and Grace McKenzie, Sixes; and Dick Barklow and Alma Deets of Floras Creek.

**WATER SPECIALIST COMING BETWEEN JULY 17 & 20**

Marvin Shearsh, irrigation and drainage specialist for the state will be in the area between the 17th and 20 of July for consultation and maybe contacted through the Del Cur Supply Co., at their place near the state line. Shearer will speak at the Chetco Grange hall on the 20th on the subject.

According to Ken Priest, county agricultural agent, who is also a contact for those who want to see Mr. Shearer, the water problem may soon become serious in this section. This year's late precipitation might be misleading, especially if followed by a year when the rainfall is away below normal.

**Harry Gordon Family Leave for Colorado**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gordon and family left early today for Grand Junction, Colorado where they hope to start a music school.

Mrs. Gordon taught piano and accordion here in Brookings until she was hurt in a car accident about three months ago. Harry had a working share in a plywood plant here.

**A LION IN THE SEA**

**DEM MEETING**

The southern part of the county was represented at the recent meeting of the Curry County Democratic Committee at Gold Beach by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Weigel, Mrs. May Blunt and Andrew Hoffeldt. Mrs. Weigel and Mr. Hoffeldt are the Chetco Precinct Committeewoman and Committeeman and Mrs. Blunt is the Precinct Committeewoman for the Farrello Precinct.

**VANDALISM AT RODEO GROUNDS**

Hundreds of dollars' worth of glass was recently broken at the rodeo grounds. Every window and even the glass front door were smashed to smithereens. No wonder grown-ups aren't keen to buy more glass or anything else for others to destroy. The camp fireplaces at Loeb Myrtle Park are also said to have been destroyed again.

For those who are not familiar with the migratory habits of sea lions, the appearance of a huge lion on Harris Beach Thursday afternoon came as quite a surprise. One observer reported seeing a monstrous lion about fifteen feet from shore.

Thinking the creature to be dead he watched for a time, half expecting the waves to wash it ashore. A couple of large waves came in, but still the lion did not move from his post near a large rock.

A third wave came in and instead of being washed ashore the lion took off like a surface submarine and headed back to sea much to the relief of one father who was trying to get his youngster out of the water.

This huge fellow had undoubtedly heard about the beauties of Harris Beach and thought he would see for himself before he went on to join the rest of his clan.

The City of Brookings lashed out at the West Coast Telephone Company Tuesday evening in the regular meeting. An ordinance was read requesting the Public Utility Commission to require the phone firm to install a business office and exchange in this city.

The city's action was related to a storm of protests underway in the community, over the proposed rate increase hearing slated for next week at Salem.

Attorney Ed Ackley, representing a group of citizens wrote an open letter to subscribers, requesting written or oral complaints, which they could present to the PUC at the hearing. Letters and oral complaints have been coming into Ackley's office with regularity. The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce also went on record to write a letter criticizing the raising of rates until the service has been improved.

The council in their meeting took other action. They passed a series of ordinances which provided for the setting up of special sewer districts, and setting forth the cost to each of the property owners to be served in the district. The legal notices appear in this issue of the Pilot.

The ordinances, numbers 93, 94 and 95, were passed after some discussion over the legality, before Bancroft bonds have been contracted for.

Important too, was the discussion on the PUC notice of hearing on the increased rates by the Brookings Water Co. set for July 18. City Attorney Ackley drew up a resolution asking the P.U.C. for an extension of time, to give the city a chance to prepare their findings on the matter.

Elmer Bankus was at the meeting, and the council questioned him as to what purpose the rate increase was for. He said that plans were underway to spend about \$40,000 to build a ten inch line up to tap the Chetco river. It was brought out that there are 21,000,000 gallons of water currently in the reservoir, and that the city used 7,630,000 in June. Bankus also disclosed that 593 customers are currently served by the line. The city felt that not enough notice was given to the city or the people, and Ackley wondered why such a notice should not have to be published.

The city also inquired as to the possibility of buying the system, but questioned the worth of the \$40,000 new line to the city if they did buy it. Bankus reported that the new system would insure a water supply of 1,000,000 gallons per day. Discussion was also held as to the possibility of Bankus serving Harbor with the new line.

In other actions the bids were let for gas and oil for city equipment. Dick's Richfield were low on gas and diesel while Foster and Bolvi were low on the fuel oil. Wards Propane was awarded the Propane contract and O. K. Rubber Welders the tire business.

Resolution 21 provided for the replating of the tract owned by Bankus behind Palmers store. Bill Thompson reported to the council on house to house mail delivery, expected in a month.

Discussion was held concerning a request by Loge Harroun to buy the old mess hall for a skating rink. The city agreed that providing the zoning laws were obeyed it would be permissible. The Robert's Show currently in the city, agreed to give one third of net to the Lions, one third to Azalea Festival and one third to the scouts.

It was brought out that no sew-

**Two Again Split Ad-Rime Earnings**

Co-operation was the theme of last week's Ad-Rime winners with only three weeks left on the schedule. In the spirit of co-operation the Pilot has to pick two winners because of the similarity. We seen McCord of Harbor and Mrs. Betty Winterstein, Box 151, Brookings each earned themselves \$500 and a chance to capture the \$50 grand prize. They rhymed "Our Liberty we Celebrate" with "Come on Brookings—All Co-operate", and "A privilege to Co-operate."