

PORT OF BROOKINGS?

Area residents will vote on September 14 on the formation of a Port District. Some of the questions relative to the Chetco River Mouth project, the election, and the formation of the Port District have been accumulated and compiled by this newspaper, and directed to the local committee that was successful in obtaining congressional appropriation. In an informal discussion, these questions and answers were presented:

Question: Has Congress appropriated the money and if so, where is the money?

Answer: Congress has appropriated \$225,000 which has been

turned over to the Portland district of the Army Engineers. They have already started survey work in the area with part of the money. They have had crew of men in this area for a week completing preliminary surveys of the river mouth.

Question: What will the money be used for? What are the general plans for the development?

Answer: The money will be used to construct a jetty or jetties, as the engineers see fit, to open the mouth of the river to sport and fishing boats. The final plans on the placement of the jetty depend upon the results of

the survey work now under way. Certain dredging will probably be necessary to open a channel through the mouth of the river.

Question: Does the Harbor Committee have any commitments as to fishing boats or related industries that may come in here once the river mouth is opened?

Answer: The Committee has received assurance from many commercial as well as sport fishing boats that they will welcome completion of the project and many have indicated that they will move into the area as soon as facilities are available.

Question: What commitments

did the Harbor Committee make in order to help secure Congressional appropriation?

Answer: The only commitment made by the Committee were made not in the name of the committee, but by private individuals, some of whom were members. Private parties have agreed to donate a quarry site for the necessary rock, and access through certain private property has been assured. No commitments of taxpayers money could have been made by this committee.

Question: What is the most a Port District can levy in taxes?

Answer: The state law limits

tax levy to 10 mills, on assessed valuations. But the levy, if any, can only be made by the elected representatives of the people who in this case are the Port Commissioners. No levy is anticipated at this time, and in the foreseeable future the only levy necessary would be for administrative purpose.

Question: How is a Port District administered? Who are its officers, how are they elected or appointed, and for how long do they serve?

Answer: A Port District is administered by five commissioners. The original five are appointed by the governor. Of the original five two will serve until the next November election, when they will be either re-elected or replaced by the voters. The other three will serve until November of 1958. After that time they will serve four year terms as elected.

Question: What is the purpose

of forming a Port District when you already have secured the appropriation?

Answer: The formation of a Port District is necessary to carry on all legal negotiations with the government, as well as to regulate mouth of the river. Further, it is necessary that some legal body be available to protect the interests of the private citizens and taxpayers in the development of the area and its commerce. In the event that there is a need for further development in the future, particularly any entailing government appropriation, this body will be ready and available to make negotiations.

Question: What about a small boat basin?

Answer: At the present time there are no plans for a small boat basin. Should enough demand for it develop, it can be provided either by private capital or by further appropriation.

TO BUILD DISTRICT RANGER HOME

A building permit was taken out for a three bedroom residence for the U.S. Forest Service on Redwood St. The estimated cost will be \$15,000. The home will be for the district ranger. Work has already started on the project with Clyde Hamilton, Grants Pass, as contractor.

Also a permit was issued recently for a \$16,000 home for Clifford Lindskog off Mill Beach road.

ROGERS ATTENDS MACHINE SCHOOL

Glenn Rogers, owner of the Azalea Lanes bowling alley, has spent the past two weeks in Los Angeles at a training school to study the mechanisms of automatic pin setters. Rogers plans to install the automatic machines in the Azalea Lanes this October. He will return to Brookings Friday.

P. T. A. MEETING

There will be the first P.T.A. meeting of the year Thursday night (tonight) beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The group will hold a reception for all new teachers at the meeting.

PIPE DREAMS . . .



By Joe Murphy

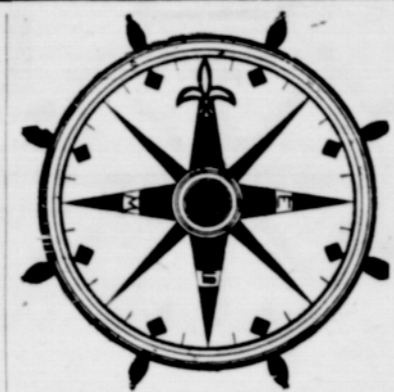
Met Ben Talty the other evening. He proceeded to give me in brief the story of his life starting back in Trondheim, Norway. Ben, a log scaler at South Coast, has really had some experiences.

Charles Porter, democratic candidate for congress, was waiting in the office Wednesday when I got down to work. He and his three boys and daughter and wife had spent the night camping out, sleeping bags and all. The life of a politician gets rougher and rougher apparently. Porter, a Eugene lawyer when he isn't running against Ellsworth, is a personably young man.

Made the grade this week. Marianne presented old Joe with a son and heir-safer four daughter. Naturally I have been the butt of jokes. Some have intimated that I along with George Washington can be called the father of my country. At a meeting of the Chetco Harbor Committee the other night they were so enthusiastic about this project that they claimed that "this could do more to bring people into the area than anything since Joe Murphy."

At any rate young Timothy Michael, 6 lbs. 9 oz. and old Joe should be plenty spoiled at home. Dan Stiers just walked in and announced that he too became a father of a bouncing baby boy. We seem to be making it unanimous.

We were surprised to see a car clicking tail up out in North Brookings the other morning. Apparently the driver, Melody Brimm Sage had went down the old road behind Dunning Motors—only they moved the road on her—and she wound up driving off a 10 foot embankment. No damage done however.

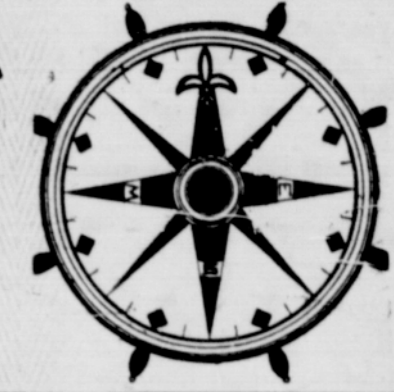


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Fire levels a Brookings mill

Pioneer - Easy St. Work Underway

The Pioneer Road-Easy Street section is being turned over again, this time it looks like with a greater degree of permanency.

What was, not so long ago, ten or fifteen acres of brush, cut by a creek from which kids and grown-ups took many a good fighting trout, the stream being spring fed, now buried, from which most of the few folks living thereabouts, packed their domestic water. To the west of the creek was one of the very best of trailing blue berry patches and crisp fried trout interspersed with well browned and buttered (home made patties, please) blueberry muffins, have just about become matters of history.

Through this practically primeval acreage diagonaled a trail rising and falling over a hump and tightly bordered with azaleas and rhododendrons of park-like beauty, huge clumps of red and blue huckleberry bushes, a volunteer apple tree here and there, source of many a youthful gustatory delight, and brakes and ferns carpeting all beneath.

The trail was a thoroughfare for young and old-bevies of children on their way to and from school, housewives to shop or just out for a walk, and a very, very few going back and forth to work. One was not surprised by encountering a stray goat, hog, calf or cow and perhaps unconsciously, made mental note of same in case inquiries were made of missing animals. Chickens too, prowled the area and even hatched their broods.

MOVES OFFICE

The West Coast Telephone Company has opened a new business office at 706 Chetco Avenue in Brookings, according to George McBride, district manager for the company.

"This office," said McBride, "is for the convenience of the public for the payment of telephone bills, for orders in regard to new installations and changes of service and so forth."

"Mrs. Evelyn Tschetter will be the cashier in charge. She has been a resident in this area for many years. She has been in our service before, at Crescent City, and is well qualified for the position."

Hard Top Race Sunday

The Hard Tops will again perform their thrills and spills at the Grenfield Speedway, near Ocean View drive in, five miles north of Crescent City, this Sunday.

A special race has been called with hard tops from Medford, Roseburg, Yreka, Crescent City, Brookings and Gold Beach taking part in the races.

Elmer the Clown will again perform his antics for the amusement of the crowd.

Fire Strikes Colegrove Land

A permit fire, started on Saturday, down near the mouth of Taylor Creek, blew up Sunday in an alarmingly short space of time, and for a while looked very dangerous. Beginning in an area close to the shore, which is usually very hard to burn, a sudden draft hit the blaze, humidity dropped, and the fire raced up the draw and spread to a few hundred acres, most of which was brush and slash, and finally jumped Highway 101, headed for Bob Hogan's. Fortunately, heavy equipment was handy and put to work and several volunteers rounded up so the fire was headed off just short of where it could have done serious damage to commercial timber, according to Neil Lafferty, in charge of fire suppression in this district for the State-association agency.

New Librarian Now On Duty

Mrs. James Forrest has accepted the job as librarian of the Community Library. She replaces Mrs. M. S. Brainard who resigned, after several years service because it became inconvenient for her to continue.

Like her successor, Mrs. Brainard has been a volunteer, unpaid worker, and during her tenure the collection has grown from a few hundred donated books, in otherwise unused space, to shelves of several thousand in a Community Library building and handling of the volumes has been established under standard library practice.

Garden Club To Meet Soon

The Azalea Garden club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 13th at the V. F. W. hall. A 1:30 p.m. dessert luncheon will be served, followed by the program.

Mr. Gary Wimberly will be the guest speaker, and his subject will be "Basic Plan of Landscaping of New Homes". Mrs. Erskine Miller and Mrs. Edward Ravekes will head a panel discussion on the different kinds of plants that grow best in this area.

The program should be most interesting and all women of the community are cordially invited to attend.

ARNESON SUPPLY IS NEW BUSINESS

Arneson Logging Supply has a branch business in Brookings. The firm was moving into the Matot building recently vacated by the Brookings Supply Co. who have moved into their new building in North Brookings.

Arneson has his headquarters in Crescent City. Workmen were moving equipment and supplies in the location this week. They will feature McCulloch Chain Saws and other logging supplies.

RAINBOW GIRLS PLAN INSTALLATION

The Order of Rainbow Girls will have a public installation of their officers in the high school auditorium at 7:30, on the evening of September 10th., Monday.

Canadian Pastor To Serve Here

The Rev. David V. A. Browne, has accepted an appointment as Vicar for Brookings St. Timothy church, and for Gold Beach. Rev. Browne is a Canadian, 43.

He was ordained in 1938 and has had an interesting and valuable experience both in Parish work and in a large mission field.

In 1941 he served as Chaplain for the Canadian forces in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He served as Chaplain in the Barrhead Branch of the Canadian Legion and has been active in the Masonic Fraternity. His present work is at St. Mary's, Barrhead, Alberta.

Rev. Browne will arrive in Brookings either by the first Sunday in October or the last Sunday in September, according to word from George Ziegler, Archdeacon of Oregon.

Football Field Given Leveling

Football practice is coming along nicely as the Bruins prepare for their first game on Sept. 21 with Powers. The game will be the first in the history of Brookings.

The Quarterback club received the services of the city grader in attempting to level off a field near the Plywood Company which Elmer Bankus has offered to let the team use this year. However the grader was too small, and Bob Swan donated a grader to use in the leveling.

South Coast Lumber Co. has donated the goal post lumber, and the posts will be put up this week so that some practice sessions can be had on the field.

The Quarterback club has called for a meeting for Monday night at the school beginning at 7:30. Plans for a pre-game breakfast are being made.

To Make Pitch For 101 Sign

Five Brookings men were to appear at a meeting of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce to present them with the details of the Oregon Promotional Association and the sign or signs they plan to erect before the highway 199 cut-off in Crescent City.

The men making the trip were Jack Hagen, Charlie Greyshel, Carl Yahr, president of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce; Dan Wagner and Merrill Bullock. The meeting is to be in the Tioga hotel Thursday noon and all cities in Coos and Curry county were asked to send representatives.

Rotary Governor To Visit Here

Ambrose Brownell of Milwaukee, Oregon, Governor of District No. 154, Rotary International will visit the Brookings Rotary Club next Tuesday, Sept. 11. He will address the local club and confer with president Carl Yahr, secretary Lee Hein, and committee chairman on Rotary administration and service activities. District 154 is composed of 53 clubs in Oregon and southern Washington with a total membership of approximately 3,500 Rotarians.

Brownell is engaged in commercial holly growing and poultry farming on a large scale in Clackamas county. He is one of 248 district governors supervising the activities of more than 9,100 Rotary clubs which have a membership of 431,000 business and professional executives in 99 countries throughout the free world.

Wherever Rotary clubs are located, president Yahr asserted in discussing the Governor's visit, their activities are similar to those of the Rotary club of Brookings because they are based on the same general objectives—developing better understanding and fellowship among business and professional men, and promoting community-bettering undertakings.

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AN EDITORIAL - - - - - WE OBJECT—VIGOROUSLY

We were shocked, surprised, and highly indignant when we read in some other newspaper that the Coos-Curry Co-op Directors have gone on record as supporting the candidacy of Sen. Wayne Morse. The co-op describes itself as a non-political organization owned by its 5000 consumer members.

Regardless of our political leanings, ladies and gentlemen, this action by the directors is very hard to swallow. We hold that the directors are way off base in supporting any candidate.

Those men are merely an elected body. The people that put them in office are both Republican and Democrat. Nobody asked us to sign a political affiliation sheet when we plunked down our \$20 bucks to join up. We highly resent their implication that the entire Coos-Curry group is supporting Morse. These men were elected only to serve our interest in governing an electrical co-op. When they start pledging our votes to a certain party or candidate—then is the time to quietly ask for our \$20 back.

If they want to support them as individuals—fine, but to do it as a group with the clear implication that they "head-up" a group of 5,000 consumer-voters—well!

That is simply not the case.

A good many people were getting impatient with the Co-op's obvious hauling around of Democratic candidates—using our funds. But here we say emphatically—they have overstepped their bounds.

A fire of undetermined origin early Labor Day morning, swept through a recently activated mill here, leveling it to the ground. The mill, now owned and operated by Fred Flynn and Darrel Salisbury was recently put into operation as a broom handle manufacturing plant.

Damages were estimated by the owners as between \$20,000 and \$25,000 with insurance covering it only partially. The mill on Easy street was formerly owned by Fell Campbell and Ray Gadsberry. It had been idle for some time, but Flynn and Salisbury had spent an entire summer in readying it for their new operation. They had been in production for only a few weeks.

The first call came in from Pauline Freeman at about 2:45 a.m. Sunday night. The Brookings volunteer fire department responded immediately but the fire was completely out of control by the time they arrived on the scene. The only thing saved was the mill burner.

Neither Flynn or Salisbury nor fire chief Val Mendenhall had any idea of what caused the fire. Speculation was the low humidity had caused sawdust to burst into spontaneous combustion. Defective wiring also may have been the cause Flynn said.

The owners haven't determined what their next move will be. They plan on rebuilding if possible. They manufacture grape stick cooler tower stock and broom squares and redwood fencing in the plant.