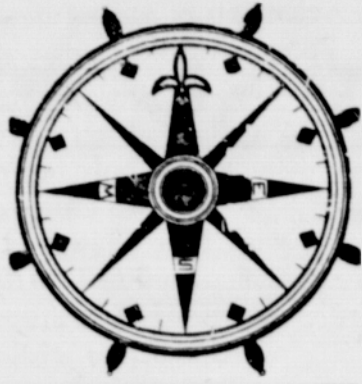


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Bids to be let on December 19 on Chetco bridge

Port Commission Has Meeting

The Port Commissions of the Port of Brookings met Monday night on their first official meeting after the election of officers. Wilson Freeman was elected president of the Commission; Karl Osterberg, vice president; Murray Palmer, secretary-treasurer. The group requested a map of the project, and a resume of the development plans from the engineers of the proposed Chetco River Mouth project. The suggestion was made by the group that long range plans be discussed on the development of the port with emphasis on creation of a small boat basin, and facilities for the handling of commercial fishing boats. The matter of by-laws for the port district was discussed, and arrangements are to secure a simple set of by-laws. Another proposal was that the Port District contact the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission and propose to them the establishment in the future of a public small boat launching area on the south bank of the Chetco. Inasmuch as the highway department already owns the land it was felt that the game department could arrange a transfer of this property and develop a boat launching area at minimum cost, which would provide much needed facilities for the sportsmen, of Southern Oregon.

Contractors throughout the state received the specifications Monday for the proposed Chetco River bridge, which will be built soon, about two miles above Bruce Hole by the Oregon Forest Development Road Project, the Bureau of Public Roads.

The bridge, along with a bridge over Mill creek will be built at what one contractor estimated, a cost of around \$200,000. Bids will be let on Dec. 19 on the bridges, with completion date set for 165 days, which would mean that the projects would be completed sometime near the end of June.

The main bridge across the Chetco calls for a 300 foot long concrete-steel construction, with a roadway of 14 feet.

The bridge was supposed to have been built last year, but it was delayed. It will open up a good deal of government timber when completed.

South Coast Lumber Co. is building a road on the South Bank of the Chetco which will tie into the proposed bridge.

The main bridge plans call for what amounts to a new type of bridge construction, using pre-stressed steel. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$120,000, while the Mill Creek bridge, made of treated pilings is expected to cost about \$14,000. Grading, culverts and miscellaneous items should run around \$70,000 one contractor figured. Work would probably start soon after the bids are let in order to finish by the completion date. A bureau of public roads man was in Brookings this week, setting the flags for the prospective bidders.

It is thought that a good deal of local labor will be used on the bridge, but that would depend a lot on which contractor receives the bid award.

Fire Guts Home Of Will Tolman

A fire starting from an overheated wood stove called the Brookings Fire Department to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tolman about nine o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Tolman had left about eight thirty to spend the day in Bandon celebrating Mrs. Tolman's birthday with some friends. The stove was shut up, but apparently became overheated and set the house on fire. The interior was gutted, and the water needed to put out the blaze left the place in a sodden condition, but saved the house from complete destruction. Friends have donated enough plywood to refinish the interior, but rewiring is necessary also.

Transformers Now At Gold Beach

Ken Preist, of the Coos-Curry Co-op reported the arrival in Gold Beach of a 37,000 pound 3,333 KVA transformer, which will signal the start of the Coos-Curry substation expansion.

Plans call for three transformers providing four times the substations present capacity. Transformers now in use will be included in the new Harbor substation for a total capacity of 5,000 KVA.

Preist said that the firm will soon begin on the new transmission lines from Gold Beach to Brookings. Some delay has been encountered in letting the bids for the new Brookings Co-op building, although the property has been purchased along highway 101.

School census up 142

Two Attend School

Dr. Richard Smith and Supt. of Schools D. D. Williams attended the 1956 annual convention of the Oregon School Boards Association held November 30-December 1 at the Erb Memorial Union at the University of Oregon, in Eugene.

A well rounded program included a greeting by Rex Putnam, state supt. of public instruction, a symposium, "Teacher Supply", a talk on Merit Salaries, a report of the legislative committee, "problems of the small districts", among others.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames are the proud parents of a six pound fourteen ounce daughter born at the Seaside hospital on November 24th. They have named the little miss, Elaine Marie.

The school census figures, released this week by the district clerk, Mrs. Dora Beaulieu show a marked increase in the number of youngsters between the age of 4 and 20.

The increase maintained about the same pace that it has for the past five years, hitting a peak this year of 1465, up 142 from last year's 1323.

The school census was taken by Mrs. Frank Tygart, who went from house to house in the district, and compiled by Mrs. Beaulieu. The census doesn't cover anyone that moved either into or out of the area after October 25th.

In 1951 there were 766 in the census, in 1952 there were 909, in 1953 there were 1019, and in 1954 there were 1181. The yearly increase since 1951 has been over 100.

Burglars enter area schools

Local Blood Bank Moves Rapidly

The Brookings Walking Blood Bank can move very swiftly. In only 11 minutes, from 11:40 Tuesday to 11:53 three blood donors were rounded up, and on their way to Crescent City to give blood. They were Edith Berger, Cliff Bushnell and Howard Cantrell, who were called to give blood to Oliver Bingham.

Earlier, four donors, Red Ross, Jean Hagen, Joe Sarver and Bill Muncy had given blood to Bingham.

SKETCH BOOK . . .



By Bud Pisarek

Al Phillips called my attention to the young boys group, the mow-ers, and the wonderful work these teen agers are doing. Right now the club, generally devoted to automotive pastime, is engaged in raising money for the mental retarded home in Salem. These boys want to do some good for others and are willing to devote their time and efforts to a worthwhile cause. This seems a little different than the usual story we hear about teen agers nowadays. It is my sincere hope that they have tremendous success in their Christmas project.

Other Christmas projects are well under way. Friday nights have been designated as shopping night by the Brookings merchants north, south, and every which way.

The post office is decorating their windows with a clever little design that is causing much deserved notice. Can you see that that yours truly is the originator of the design? Of course al postmaster Thompson has to give me credit when I have some free time to finish it. Then I still have time left over I'd have to explain the entire efforts to some of the sidewalk critics I see staring wide mouth at the window wondering, oh, wondering.

Other critics, not so many in number, visited the Clyde Wood show at the Pelican Bay Studio. Because of the abstract nature of the work many of the kind souls scratched their heads in wonder and then some open minded people asked some critical questions. All in all, for the few who viewed the show it was educational.

The silk screen print I especially singled out was the one entitled "King." The prismatic quality glowed with jewel like quality from a dark still atmosphere where the form of a royal like image of the king could be seen.

Still no word from the faculty basketball team. I understand that they are not fully recovered from the beating they took from the young sophomores.

Editor Wickes Shaw tossed in the printing towel up at Gold Beach last week. Wickes wrote "30" to her journalism career after four years at the helm of the Reporter. She will join her husband, Dave, at Eugene where he is law instructor. Lots of luck to you Wickes. May the many editorial battles we enjoyed through the years be well remembered but yet, overshadowed by the good things we accomplished for Curry county.

And last but not least, get a load of this: Myrtle Breeding called me this morn to tell me that she picked a pint of raspberries and a bowl of strawberries Sunday. Man you just can't beat this weather.

Apparently a well trained gang of "school breakers" hit Brookings last Thursday, along with a half dozen other schools in the area.

The buglars entered the school here by force sometime after Midnight, and made off with an estimated \$35 to \$40 in pennies, nickles, and quarters—but severely damaged a number of doors in the process.

Chief of Police Bud Cross said that reports he had indicated that the same group burglarized schools in Coos Bay, Coquille, and Bandon on Wednesday night. On Thursday they hit Brookings, Ft. Dick, Smith River, Crescent City, Kerby, Cave Junction and several in Grants Pass, really making a night of it. Either it was the same gang, and their methods were similar, or it was "National Break

Into Your School Night." The burglars used a crow bar or similar instrument in each of the schools, and disintegrated anything except money. No typewriters, or anything else was reported taken. A crow bar was left on the janitors desk at the Crescent City school.

Supt of schools D. D. Williams said that they entered the elementary school by breaking in a window, then broke in the entrance room door in the upper elementary building. They went in all the classrooms, and rifled the teachers desks. If a classroom was locked they would simply break the door jam by prying with a crowbar.

They entered the highschool in two places, but couldn't get into the main building, and left after the two tries.

Curry County Gets \$323,321 in Funds

According to the U. S. Forest Service there has been a net National Forest area change for all Oregon counties. The new figures are indicated below.

Net National Forest Acres by Counties (Siskiyou): Coos, 45,395; Curry, 546,274; Douglas, 261; Josephine 282,109; Del Norte, 31,740. A 25 percent gross receipt goes to the counties on this basis. A total of 905,779 acres.

In the controverted acres (Administered by Siskiyou N. F.): Coos, 23,002; Curry, 56,825; and Josephine 93,558. A total of 175,385. The receipts to counties on this land is by the O & C formula.

Receipts to counties from the Siskiyou National Forest 25 percent fund during the fiscal year 1956 were: Curry, \$323,321.54; Coos, \$26,867; Douglas, \$145; Josephine, \$166,971; Del Norte, \$18,785.



THE PLAY PRESENTED BY THE JUNIOR class was held last week. Above is a practice scene from the play, a mystery thriller-diller.

Half Interest Bought in C & K

Raymond Nediffer, formerly of Grand Junction, Colorado has purchased half interest of C & K Market, and will be operating the meat counter there.

Nediffer was in the Uranium mining business for several years in Colorado, and was in the meat business in Rifle, Colorado. He and his wife, June, have one boy, Doug, 7.

Roy Collins continued with his half interest, with Nediffer replacing Tex Kimberlin, whose plans are indefinite.

Baptists Participate In Mental Giving

This is the second year that members and friends of the Baptist church have participated in sending Christmas gifts to the State Mental hospitals and it is gratifying to see others are joining in this worth while project.

The B.Y.P.U. of the church sent a sum of money for their part in Christmas giving.

Delegation to Attend Oregon Education Conv

There is an Oregon Education Association Delegate assembly meeting in Portland this next week. Several from Brookings-Harbor are planning on attending the session, which is in reality a "congress" for the state teaching group.

A program for the state will be discussed, and representatives from all over the state will attend. Those from this district attending will be Wilma Smith, who is on the credentials committee; D. D. Williams, and Carl Harrison, who is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Harbor Post Office To Remain Open Saturday Afternoons

Postmaster Harriet E. Payne announces that the Harbor Post Office will remain open all day on Saturdays until Christmas. People are already mailing their parcels, and those that are mailed early are sure to get to their destination in time for Christmas and in better condition than those mailed later.

South Coast Still In Production

A bright spot in the local economic picture is the continuing production at the South Coast Lumber Co, whose officials reported that no shut down was anticipated because of the market.

They said that orders are good, and they even have been working Saturday on the planer mill. Most of their woods crew have been working in log road construction.

It was reported that they will have their normal shutdown sometime after the first of the year for repair, and the installation of new machinery which will boost production.

Crews are cutting the cold deck, and South Coast is buying logs.

Barking Dog Complaints Received by Police Chief

Chief of Police Bud Cross issued a warning to dog owners today that they are to be held responsible for a dog which disturbs the peace by continual barking at night.

Chief Cross said that the number of complaints about dogs barking at night have increased rapidly in the past few weeks, and the police will have to do something. A city ordinance prohibits dog barking.

Students to Wash Cars

The Brookings-Harbor student body, with the co-operation from the Monarch club will conduct a car-wash Saturday if the weather permits. The proceeds will go towards the Mental Health program in co-operation with the PTA.

The car washes will be given at Ed and Mendys, and at Dunning Motors. All those who need their car picked up are asked to phone 3468 all day Saturday.

Dr. Brown Expects To Open Office Soon

Dr. David Brown is having his offices built in the Campbell Building in North Brookings above Franks Pharmacy. His equipment is being shipped down and the X-Ray is expected Friday, and his surgical equipment is already here. Dr. Brown expects the offices to be open on Wednesday of next week.

Curry County Officials Are Paid Among the Highest in the State

Curry County again leads the state—in the percentage increase basis of County official salaries. Curry county leads all 36 counties—showing a four-year rise of 103 percent.

The largest increase by far took place also in Curry County where the 1956-57 property tax levy is 35 percent above that for 1955-56. Second largest increase was in Wasco County with a 25 percent increase.

And also, Curry County led the list of 36 counties in a school levy increase, with 44.7 percent.

Here is a breakdown of Curry County officers: County judge, \$6,000, compared with \$1,500 in Gilliam, as a low, and a \$7,500 high in Douglas, and \$7,500 in Clackamas. Only five counties in the state pay their judges more than \$6,000.

Gilliam, as a low, and a \$7,200 On County Commissioners—paid in Curry on a per diem rate, the total commissioner salary is \$12,000, by far the highest in the state. Some of the other counties

pay as follows: Sherman, \$800, Wheeler, \$400, although some counties pay higher, such as Multnomah, where the total is \$10,000, second high, and Yamhill, \$7,500.

Sheriff, assessor, treasurer and clerk in Curry all get \$6,000 across the board, compared with lows such as \$3,000 for sheriff in Willowa, \$1,800 for assessor in Wheeler, and clerk \$3,600 in Wheeler. High for the three offices are \$9,600 in Multnomah.

The average for salary for county judges is \$4,967, the average for sheriff is \$5,334. Only several counties are in the \$6,000 sessor and treasurer hrdlu shrdlu category for the offices of assessor and treasurer.

Total salaries paid county officers show that Curry County is among the leaders, with only Multnomah with \$664,080, Lane \$47,6616, Coos with \$42,500 and Douglas with \$43,800 higher for salaries. The total Curry salary is \$42,000, up nearly \$22,000 from 1952-53.