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**Letter to the Editor:**

Editors:  
Title: The Nuisance of Brookings.  
A few days ago my son, aged fourteen, was arrested by two city police officers and locked up in the city jail. The charge? Carrying a loaded weapon on state property. Charlie was hunting—scouting for coons and forgot to remove the shell from his shotgun as he passed thru Harris Beach State Park.

I thanked the officers for bringing him home at approximately 9:30 p.m. and our family of five

settled down to sleep. We spent the usual kind of a night in many areas here. DOGS! Yawling and barking.  
Now what in the world do we owe to a pack of two bit senseless mongrels that our rest at night must depend on them.

Can we charge them for the loss of needed sleep, or for cleaning our yards each day?

Whence comes this fallacy of "Love me, love my dog".

How can I "yoce my neighbor" when his dawg robs my sleep? Now a siren screams through the night—we are awakened, and glad, for someone is getting help or the attention of the police he deserves.

But DOGS! Well, by now you know I ain't no dog lover and you can guess why.

I can forgive mybrother humans because they are paying for our roads and parks and needed facilities—and you can talk to them.

Ever try asking a pack of dogs to go to bed and be quiet, I have written to our chief of police requesting action on our dog problem. And assuring him that should formal complaints be necessary I shall be pleased to oblige.

We have here in Brookings, the largest, cleanest, omst progressive city in Curry count. Not to mention the scenic beauty and the largest relatively level area for home building affording an unsurpassed view.

We are small people financially but the rent we pay helps pay the taxes.

And we are going to live where DOGS are not so important.  
Your grateful reader,  
E. V. Danforth

**DO WE SECEDE OR SUCCEED?**

We are among those that are highly amused by the recent outburst of the "secession movement" in Northern California. The San Francisco papers played it up big, with banner headlines and everybody got a chuckle.

The most recent movement started in Dussmair, Cal. and quickly swept through eight Northern California counties, all of whom feel that they have little in common with the dry country of southern California with their population binge. The Northhners are irate because legislation in Sacramento misses them. They are disturbed because of plans Southern California has for draining the northern rivers into Southern California.

So, perhaps with tongue in cheek, the "rebels" would form their own state, the state of "Shasta... This great state, consisting of eight counties (Del Norte, Humboldt, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Trinity and Shasta) is roughly 140 miles deep, by 210 miles wide, or about twice the size of New Hampshire.

The idea isn't a new one. Back in 1941 the state of Jefferson was given a lot of play in the newspapers, but nothing came of it because of the war. Its sponsors felt that the U. S. had to present a solid front to its enemies.

More recently the boys in the various coffee houses and down Chetco Ave. have proposed that Brookings and Curry County get into the act. We were included in the old "State of Jefferson" and we want in again. A group of citizens sent a telegram to Pat Hanratty, of Mt. Shasta, who is the "Provisional Secretary" of the "Great State of Shasta", asking that Brookings and Southern Curry be included in the plans.

The Brookings patriots and rebels said in the telegram that they wish to throw off the yoke of Oregon and its highway department that has kept the community "shackled"

True, the whole idea was probably born in levity, and is going strong because with the election and the Olympics over there doesn't seem to be much to talk about. But, nevertheless, we don't believe that it is entirely just one big joke.

Many people are actually dissatisfied with our connection with Oregon, which is political only. Socially, geographically, and economically Southern Curry County is closer to California. Our state capital is some 300 miles away, over fierce roads. We have no representation in the state legislature. The highway from here to Gold Beach is a disgrace to the state, and no improvements have been made in recent years.

We can enter Oregon only on that highway. We have no road into the interiors. Southern Curry gets its radio and TV reception from California. When we go to a "big city", it is more often San Francisco than Portland. We read California newspapers, and a great deal of our foods, and supplies come from the south.

We like Oregon. We like a lot of things about it—and we often wish we were more a part of it. But, if that isn't ever to be, perhaps the new state of Shasta would bend a more sympathetic ear to our needs.

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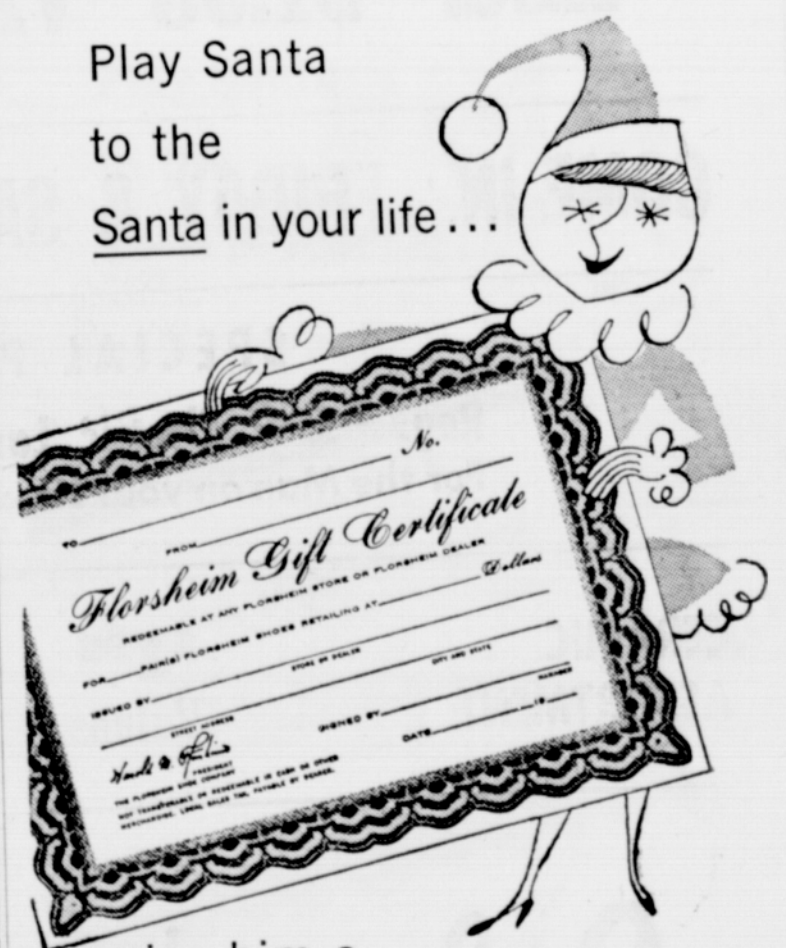
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