

\$20,000 to be Paid for Sewer

Christmas came a little early to Mayor Roy Brimm and the Brookings Council. The Christmas present was a "gift" you wouldn't write your friends about, but it is very important to the people of Brookings.

A wrapped up and delivered is the "existing" sewer system. A motion was passed at the Brookings Council meeting Tuesday night authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement, already signed by the citizen claimants, and Elmer Bankus, which would in effect, sell the existing system to the city for \$20,000, and eliminate the bickering which has kept the city on edge for the past two years.

The agreement would also see the taxpayers injunction against the city dismissed, and the city would start condemnation proceedings and a title search soon to get the matter settled finally. The city would, according to the agreement, receive all the back bills for sewer service, sent out by Bankus during the past two years. No discussion was held on the possibility of collecting the back bills, and they will in all probability, never be collected.

The \$20,000 purchase price figure was set by a group of attorneys, including city attorney Bill Balderee, Sam Hall, representing the citizens who were led by Bob Demmick, and John Butler, representing Bankus.

Earlier the city had agreed to buy the existing sewer system at the appraised price of \$29,044 from the party or parties that owned it, providing they could get clear title. The agreement, would, in effect give the city a clear title to the sewer system and allow immediate hook-ups from the sewers being built now for a figure of \$20,000, \$9,000 less than the original figure set by the appraisers.

It was discussed at the meeting the possibility of additional repair work having been done, and the formation of a special assessment district for those people living in Area 1, on the existing sewer. The resolution was signed with a sigh of relief which could be heard all over Brookings.

In other actions the council: 1. Extended the time limitation on the contract of the Pelican Ray Construction Co. in area four and seven on the request of Bill Spencer, who represented the firm. Spencer also said that some arrangement would have to be worked out on Pioneer so that the people living above can get into town. A by-pass was suggested, and mayor-elect Fell Campbell agreed to help work it out with Spencer.

2. An ordinance, No. 103, was passed amending the license ordinance and setting up a flat fee of \$25 per business license. 3. A second ordinance, No. 104, was passed which related to the regulation and control of a city owned sewer system. The ordinance stipulated such things as disposal of existing septic tanks—a point which councilman Earl Breuer objected to. The clause Breuer didn't go for stipulated the filling of the abandoned septic tanks.

4. A letter from W. H. Brady was read bitterly criticizing the city's proposal to buy the Jenkins-Mosier property, which adjoins his, for the placement of a sewer disposal plant. Brady called the city's action "scandalous", and called the attention to what a beautiful spot the land was now.

5. The city council accepted Fell Campbell's resignation from the council as of December 31. At that time he will become Mayor. 6. The council also accepted the resignation of city policeman David Mackey, who said that he couldn't make ends meet on the city salary.

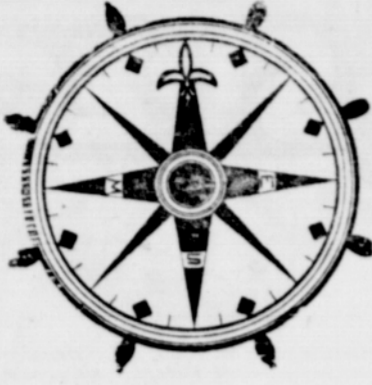
The meeting ended with a general round of speeches, as Mayor Roy Brimm concluded his term of office, as did councilmen Clive Manley and Jim Yelton. Each of the group expressed their appreciation to Brimm and the work that he has done.

Pollard Takes Union Oil Plant

Roy Pollard has taken over the Union Oil Bulk Station in North Brookings, on highway 101. He sold his interests in the Brookings Supply Inc.

Pollard announces several improvements. He said that new equipment is being planned in order to give better service. He will have an office girl on duty full time to enable people to call for service. Mrs. Pollard will be in the office.

He is planning on having an open house on Monday, December 24th, all day, with everyone invited.

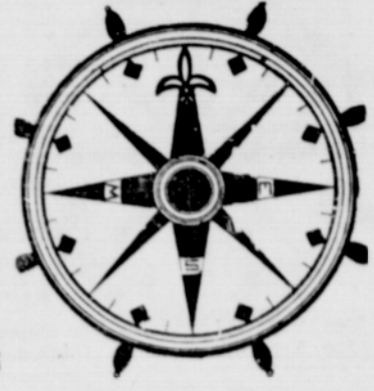


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Possibility of Virgil Clark Getting Highway Commission Appointment

There is a possibility that a local man, Virgil Clark, may be in line for an appointment to the state highway commission. Clark, Timber Manager for Brookings Plywood Corporation has received a letter from Gov.—Eliot Robert Holmes stating that although nothing definite has been decided, there is a chance that he, Clark would get the appointment.

Clark also received a letter from Senator Wayne Morse stating that he will write to Holmes giving his recommendation for the post. Clark has been very active in Democratic circles, and did some vigorous campaigning during the recent election.

The state highway commission is a three man group, all appointed by the governor, and all serve without compensation.

Clark said that he does need county and community support to help him win the appointment. Already the Brookings Chamber of Commerce and the Pamona Grange have written to Holmes. Several individuals have also written to the incoming governor, and more letters would be appreciated by Clark.

SPECIAL EDITION

The Pilot will print a special Christmas edition, on Monday, December 24. The paper will be sent to all boxholders, thus assuring everyone of getting a paper.

Girls Collect Funds for Scout Fireplace

A chain of coins, stretched on the sidewalk near the bank Saturday brought a total of \$25.30 into the fund now being raised by the Scouts in an effort to build a fireplace in the Youth building, so that it might be put to use this winter.

The Daffodilly girls of troop 3 raised the money, as a part of \$100 yet to be collected in a \$600 project. The girls wish to thank all those who helped them out.

Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation for the Brookings-Harbor school youngsters will begin as 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 21, and school will reconvene on Wednesday, January 2, according to Supt. of schools D. D. Williams.

Home Economics Club Held Christmas Party Friday at Grange Hall

The Home Economics club met Friday at the Grange hall for a Christmas party. A short business session was held with Catherine Smith conducting the meeting. Mrs. Winifred Stanley was elected vice chairman and Mrs. Joe Zumpke, secretary-treasurer of the group. It was planned to fill several baskets of Christmas goodies for elderly folks who are unable to get out and enjoy Christmas, and to let them know they are not forgotten.

The club served lunch for the Daffodilly bulb grower's the past week when they held their annual business meeting.

The members that took ten towels home to laundry are asked to return them Friday, as they will be needed Friday evening, when the Grange holds its Christmas party. Mrs. Violet Gillette has arranged a good program, as well as a visit from Santa Claus, and a gift exchange. Parents are asked to bring gifts for their children.

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Need a Building?

A building acquired by the Brookings-Harbor school district on the McAdams property will be available to anyone who wants it—providing they will tear it down, and clean up the property. Supt. of schools D. D. Williams announced. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Williams.

Star of the Sea Altar Society Met

Thirty four members and one visitor, Mrs. Gerlach of Minnesota attended the December meeting of the Star of the Sea Altar Society at the Parish Hall the evening of December 14. The meeting was conducted by the new president, Mrs. Berger. During the meeting it was decided to buy a new altar cloth. A cleaning bee is to be held on December 22nd to clean the church.

After the business meeting, a handkerchief shower was given the retiring president, Ermadee LaBarge. A gift exchange was held as this was the Christmas meeting. Refreshments were served by Alice Rosen, Margaret Roemick and Mary Braynard.

Sidney Croft Install Officers

John Molino was elected and installed Worshipful Master of the Sidney Croft Lodge No. 206, Friday, December 14.

Other officers also elected and installed are: Fred Blunt, Sr. Warden; Merwyn Palmer, Jr. Warden; Ira Darst, Treasurer; Sam Gott, Secretary; Virgil Goldsberry, Sr. Deacon; Norton LaBrook, Jr. Deacon; Donald Upp, Sr. Steward; Percy Evans, Jr. Steward; Charles Bickner, Marshall; Charles Christianson, Chaplain; and Red Fox, Tyler. Past Master, R. D. Rowley was installing Master, Charles Bickner was installing Marshall, and Rev. D. Brown was Chaplain.

Curry 4-H Leaders Elect Officers; Plan Activities for Coming Year

The Curry County 4-H Leader's Council met on December 6 to elect officers and to plan the 4-H Club activities in Curry County for 1957.

Mrs. Evelyn McDonald, of Port Orford, was elected president and Mrs. Neva Thornton of Brookings, is the new vice president. Mrs. Nancy Starkweather of Ophir, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for this countywide council of 4-H Leaders, which is made up of the officers of each of the three district 4-H Leader's Association. Other members on this council include Mrs. Catherine Tucker and Mrs. Dolly Smith of Langlois, Mrs. Bertha Sharp of Gold Beach, Mrs. Alice Walker, Pistol River, Mrs. Marie Morris and Mrs. Thelma Pettigrew of Brookings.

Plans were made for selection of 4-H Summer School Scholarship winners for June 1957. This year a committee in each district will make preliminary selections.

Plans to promote a local 4-H Summer camp program in Curry County were also made, to help encourage more 4-H boys and girls to take part in the summer camp program.

A report of the Coos-Curry 4-H

and F.F.A. State Fair facilities committee was reviewed in which inadequate housing was pointed out and recommendations made for a new dormitory to be built at the State Fair grounds to accommodate both 4-H and FFA members participating. At the present time no facilities are available for F.F.A. boys, and over 100 4-H boys were forced to sleep outside. In addition to crowded conditions, the State Fire Marshall has limited the use of the present building due to its age and condition.

Two Christmas Teas Put On At School

The Christmas spirit was in evidence at the Brookings-Harbor school this week. Monday there was a Christmas tea for all the teachers, in the administration building out on by 1 and Mrs. D. D. Williams from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Christmas goodies were served.

Tuesday, grade school principal Mr. Chester Bumbarger, and Mrs. Bumbarger did the same for the elementary teachers.

Miss Beta Ready

Miss Beta, the Beta Sigma Phi Christmas doll and handmade wardrobe will be awarded Sunday evening at the Pine Cone Theatre. Second drawing will be a leather holster set.

Tickets are available from any Iota member or at Hanscans Center all day Saturday, where the doll will be on display. All proceeds will be given to the Scouts Building Fund.

SKETCH BOOK . . .



By Bud Pisarek

Elenore Roosevelt writes a column, "My Day". Everett Jagers could very well write one entitled, "Not My Day". Jagers, after spending many months over seas in the recent world crisis, chasing Rommel, the Desert Fox, all over Africa and not getting anything but a few scratches and a distaste for Spam, recently paid in full.

The other morning Jagers was hit in the head with a plank at the mill where he is employed. As he was being rushed to Portland via air, the plane crashed in the fog. This resulted in a few broken ribs. Another air flight was attempted and proved successful. As he boarded the elevator in the Portland hospital, it fell four floors. Jagers is back in town, and needless to add, is taking things easy.

Our "Hasta be Shast" campaign is still getting quite a bit of publicity. The papers to the north and south of us have published pictures and stories about it. This Sunday Oregonian had a very good editorial about the matter. The PILOT is re-publishing for those who missed it or can't afford the price of the Sunday papers.

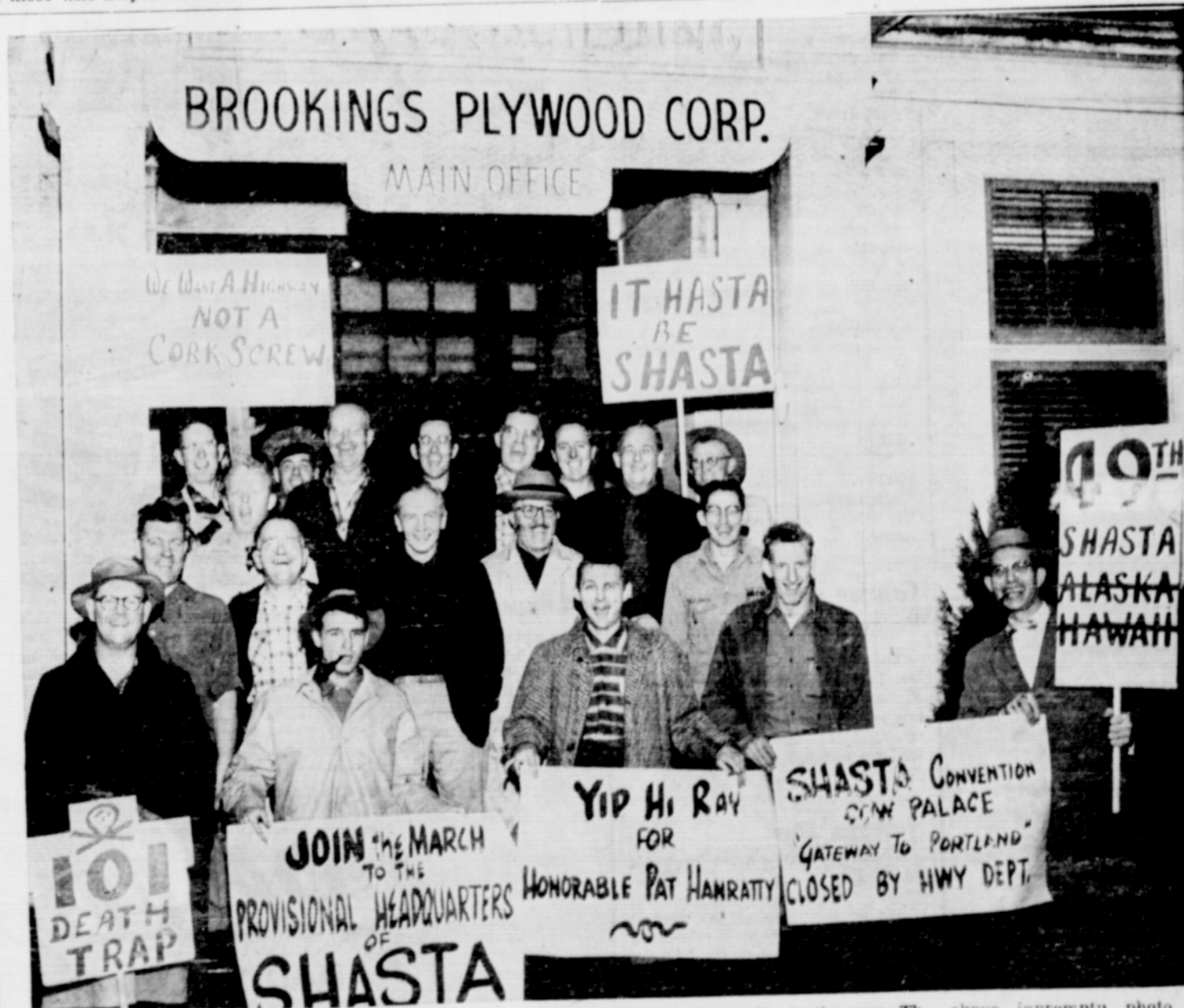
After many of us circulated a petition to keep the "shanty Irish" out of our neighborhood, Joe still got by with moving his family into our select section of town. Gene Allison, high school principal, Bill Thompson, school board chairman, and Doc Smith, school board member all helped move the valuables into the new joint. This was their chance to reduce the school population by plenty. Now I understand why they volunteered. It was a tough battle for Joe to keep Doc Smith from driving the truck out of the school district territory.

Have any of you noticed the shape of the Christmas greeting cards this year? They are the long narrow type. Years past, this type carried a buck or two inside. Someone cooked up this idea to make a guy feel like he made a killing upon receiving his morning mail. Oh well, the sincere greeting is just as welcome. But you'll have to admit it did scare us for awhile.

Somebody suggested Mr. C. change his name to SHASTA Claus.

The Coos Curry Coop made many good friends by giving all their customers such a grand Christmas present. No one has to pay their electric bill for the current month. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone cancelled their last months bill? That would make everyone start the New Year right. Or I wonder if things wouldn't turn out better if every one would make it a point to PAY ALL their bills by the first of the year.

Hot tip.....Iowa over Oregon State in the Rose Bowl. Merry Christmas.



THE SHASTA SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT brought a good deal of publicity to the area. The above impromptu photo was printed in the Oregon Journal, the Oregonian, and the Humboldt Times. Also the picture brought editorial comment from the Oregonian, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.