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**Are We Going to Lose a City?**

We had a chuckle over the troubles of our neighboring city to the south, Crescent City, this week, as reported in the Del Norte Triplicate, the following took place:

The Crescent City council made a contract with two government survey men, Robert McDonnell and Elmer Clabaugh. The men were to make recommendations to the council regarding various aspects of city government. The contract for their work was for \$18,500, \$2,500 of which was paid already.

Last week the men reported their recommendations to a "shocked" council. They argued that a county the size of Del Norte could not support both a city and a county government, and although they reported several other methods of solving the problem—but they kept getting back to the only solution apparent. This is, that Crescent City dis-incorporate.

In other words the council hired for \$18,500 men to do research on what is the matter with the city, and the answer that they brought back was—eliminate the city.

We're not in the habit over laughing at other peoples difficulties, but this is truly amusing to us. For example, the two researchers are slowly doing themselves out of a job. If they tell all the city who hire them to dis-incorporate, then who is going to pay their big salaries.

And too, what will we call Crescent City if they follow the recommendations and dis-incorporate just plain Crescent, perhaps. Maybe after Crescent City folds up (as per recommendation), all the people that live there would want to live in a "city", and would have to move to Brookings.

This whole show would be akin to asking an efficiency expert come in to show you better close shop."

If the council adopted the recommendations and people stopped in here to ask how far it was to the next "city," would we have to tell them that it was Klamath?

At any rate we hope the good people of Crescent don't lose any sleep over the proposition. The problems of the "City" of Brookings are pretty fierce at times too!

**TO THE PEOPLE OF CURRY COUNTY:**

Chapter 532 Oregon Revised Statutes relates to the necessity for branding forest products (logs) which are removed from the land, and thereafter transported to some destination and there sold. This law has been in effect for a considerable length of time.

In effect this law provides that all logs must be branded with the Public Utilities Commissioner of the State of Oregon. Applications thereof must be filed with the said commissioner. The costs of such application and registration is \$3.00. The application must be filed by the person who will use the brand on his logs.

Severe penalties are provided for the violation of this log branding law, running all the way from \$500.00 fine and 60 days in jail to a \$5,000.00 fine and imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than two years.

The District Attorney of Curry county has been requested by a large group of mill owners and loggers, all residents of this county, to enforce this law.

As District Attorney I realize that this law has not been actively enforced in Curry county. Therefore I believe that this matter should now be called to the attention of all who may be interested in this matter. A reasonable length of time will be afforded everyone to comply with this law. After such period of time has expired it shall become necessary for the district attorney to enforce this law in Curry county.

If I can be of assistance to any person in this matter please call at my office and let me know. I am in my office in the court house at Gold Beach on Mondays and Tuesdays and in my Brookings office on Wednesday and Thursday except in the case of some emergency.

I respectfully request cooperation in this matter by all persons concerned. Please do not make it necessary for your District At-

torney to commence criminal proceedings for the violation of this log branding law. The above notice is general in its scope. For a more detailed information please consult me or your own attorney. Respectfully submitted, Ed F. Ackley, District Attorney Curry County, Oregon.

**Letter To The Editor**

February 5, 1957  
Brookings-Harbor Pilot  
To the Editor:

A recent copy of your news media points to a need for certain sums of money to expand the existing school plant. I am reminded of the farmer who built so many barns for his cows that he ran out of pasture; the poor cows starved, so did the farmer. becomes almost an impossibility.

The shortage of trained teachers to occupy the new classrooms will not improve simply by building. It must be apparent to you that our educational system is in need of change and the answer is not more and more buildings. In this age of electronic magic the need is for new methods. Costs are rising to a point at which financing them. And then, there is the problem of the graduate who seems to have learned little while passing down its echoing halls on his way to a competitive world, outside.

The critical years for a child lie between the tenth and eighteenth birthdays; to often, latent talent goes unrecognized by the overburdened teacher. U. S. Commissioner of Educational Samuel Brownell puts it this way, "It will take traditional American ingenuity of many kinds by local school systems and by the states to solve our shortage of qualified teachers."

"One picture is worth a thousand words" and a growing number of educators are suggesting the use of closed television circuits. Larger classes, wider range of subject matter and greater student interest will cut costs and in-

**For What It's Worth**

By Clifford P. Rowe

The way I see it, the next couple of years are going to provide some very bitter pills for consumption by Oregon Republicans. The recent fiasco which featured the election finally of a president of the senate and the wholesale application of the "spoils system" by the state's new governor point out the beginning of a trend which can bring a long lingering illness for the Republican party or the means of bringing it to its senses.

Over a long span of history the G.O.P. has been ruling the roost in the state of Oregon, and during those years they took unto themselves a cockiness which led to their recent demise at the polls. Their actions during the next two years can well prove whether their loyalties are to the citizens of this state they so long represented or to their own self-interest in basking in the limelight of public office.

The people of the state spoke at the polls; they asked for a change in government and did it rather emphatically; and regardless of the party to which one belongs, that is democracy with a capital D. The defeated can sulk in their

crease the level of learning. Our boys and girls, with increasing social maturity and loss of dependence on parents for old fashioned guidance, need more than is available to them now in our educational institutions.

In summation, the media of television would improve teaching standards, end personality clashes, ease the teacher shortage, raise salaries, make the most of the school periods, provide special treatment of the advanced and retarded students, and last, take a bite out of the \$103,000,000,000.00 we pay in taxes each year.

R. L. Jenkins

**Newspaper Group To Meet Feb. 15**

Stewart Holbrook, distinguished Northwest author, will be the meeting of the Oregon Press conference on the University of Oregon campus Friday, Feb. 15.

The two-day meeting of the conference, which is sponsored by the University school of journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association, will be featured by the speaking appearances of a number of outstanding men in the field.

Hodding Carter, editor and publisher of the Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss., and a well-known author, will give the 1957 Eric W. Allen Memorial Lecture. Other guest speakers will include Kenneth L. Holmes Lin-

tents like Achilles if they so choose. That is their privilege. Or they can sacrifice the interests of the people while they snarl and spit over the bones of deflated egos. That also is their privilege.

But such are not the manners of those who would win public acceptance. To be defeated in an election is never a disgrace; rather it is but a kindly but firm reminder from the people that when all is said and done, the voters call the tune.

I am a Republican. I have always been a Republican because it was the party of my choice, but I have never entertained the asinine notion that the candidates selected by my party were the only ones capable of governing. Democrats are also Americans; and while I cannot accept their party principles, I trust that I am big enough to accept their rule if the people so dictate. I further hope that those of my party in office base their hopes for re-election on continued service to their state and not on acts of petty politics.

field college, research and feature writer on Northwest history; Charles O. Bennett, audit bureau of circulation, Chicago; Ralph Stuller, Coquille Valley Sentinel; Mrs. David Shaw, former publisher of the Curry County Reporter, Gold Beach; Dr. Robert D. Clark of the University of Oregon; Dean Charles T. Duncan and

Warren Price, both of the university journalism school. Presiding at the two-day conference, the 38th annual meeting of the Oregon Press Conference, will be Michael J. Frey, publisher of the Oregonian and president of ONPA. He will officiate in place of the late Bernard J. Mainwaring, who was president of the conference.

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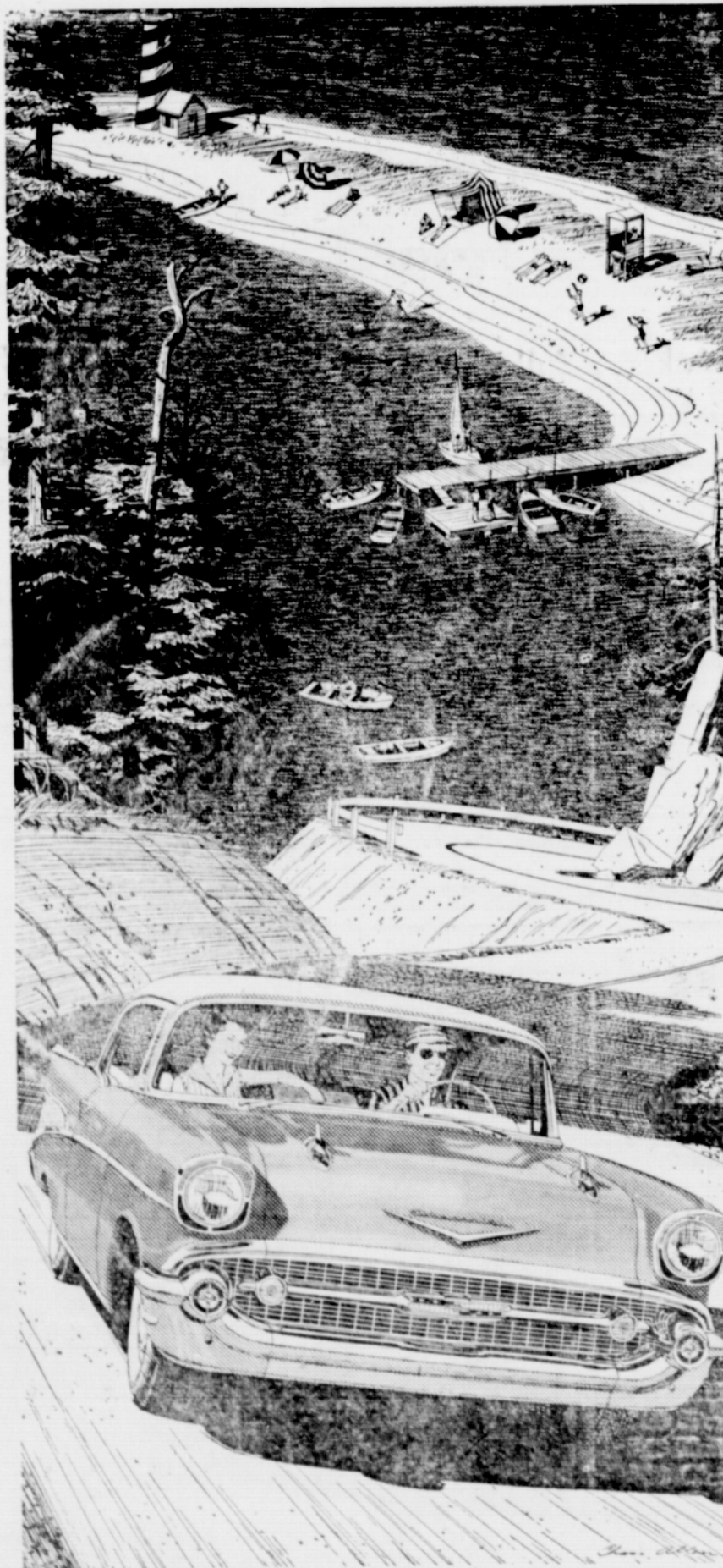
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