

Brookings-Harbor Pilot

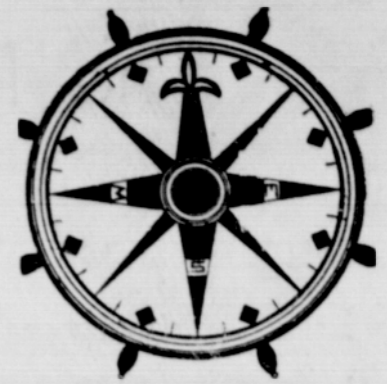
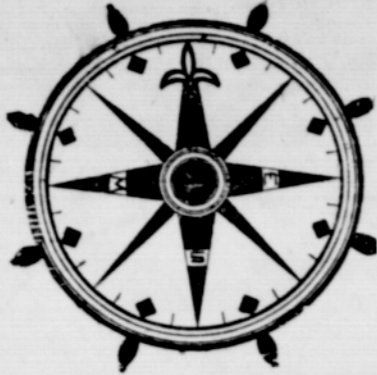
Nowhere a Finer Climate -- Nowhere a Finer Community

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WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Perc.
Feb. 20	51	46	.58
Feb. 21	52	49	.47
Feb. 22	60	49	.43
Feb. 23	56	50	1.19
Feb. 24	54	51	1.08
Feb. 25	55	51	1.23
Feb. 26	5g	51	1.20



DYNAMITING BRINGS F. B. I.; THREE MEN ARRESTED

A dynamiting of a culvert up the south bank of the Chetco River Sunday, on Federal Forest Service road, stirred up a lot of action in Brookings during the past few days. The F. B. I. moved in, and the arrest of three local men was made Wednesday.

John Leonard Hegness, Duane Roland Eason, and Nate Klinefelter were all in custody at Brookings Wednesday accused of having dynamited a culvert in a U. S. Forest Service road 9 1/4 miles above Harbor in the early morning of Monday.

Joseph F. Santolano Jr., Special Agent in charge of the Portland office of the FBI stated the three are charged with destruction of government property in violation of Title 18, Section 1361, U. S. Code.

The disclosure came after an extensive investigation by the FBI and Oregon State Police.

It is alleged Hegness, Eason and Klinefelter drove to the powder house of the South Coast Lumber Co. about 10 1/2 miles from Harbor, broke into the padlocked powder house and a nearby blasting cap shelter, stealing blasting caps and four boxes of 40% dynamite.

The powder was then loaded into their car and taken to a large culvert in the Forest Service road about one mile from the powder house. All four boxes of dynamite were placed in the middle of the culvert and the fuse ignited.

All three suspects are residents of the Brookings-Harbor area. Hegness was born June 12, 1927 at Meadowbrook, Wash. Eason was born October 5, 1936 at Tillamook, Oregon. Klinefelter is married and the father of three children.

South Coast crews first noticed the damage Monday morning, as they went up the road to begin logging operations. The culvert was a five foot job, and reportedly blasted to bits by the dynamite.

SKETCH BOOK . . .



By Bud Pisarek

The meeting held at the school last Tuesday night was really well attended. Everybody heard there was going to be free coffee. Of course the main speaker was a little bit of an attraction too. Mr. Elliott, the manager of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce did a fine job in presenting the audience with a run down of his city's achievements in the way of attracting new industry.

It is strange how things take an about face. Years ago it was common knowledge that McMinnville had a "keep the lunch bucket out" campaign. Now they pay a man to attract labor.

Our highway to Gold Beach is now on fire. If we get it or not will be decided by the state legislature this session. Everyone is urged to write neighboring county legislatures for their support in this bill. So, you will be forgiven if you stop reading right now and start contacting someone in the valley. Give 'em a call.

Fred Flynn, the commish, gave a rousing speech at Tuesday's meeting in regards to the highway situation. Still ringing in my ears is his transplanted eastern twang, "the time to do something is NOW".

My main concern in getting the highway through is so that the people from the wind blown fishing village to the north can escape from their captivity and come down to Brookings and see what a marvelous area we have here.

Damage reportedly was more than \$1000. Several people in the Upper Chetco region heard the explosion.

Heart Drive Still In Progress Here

Did YOU "Have a Heart" last Sunday and contribute to your Heart Fund when sixty-nine of your neighbors and friends braved the high winds and driving rain to contact every possible home from Pistol River to the State Line?

Workers started out at one o'clock to the tune of all our local church bells ringing. A few of the workers did not complete their area and return until almost 7:30 p.m. Arnold Peabody, treasurer, reported. He was very pleased with the results of the drive, but urged that all 355 home where mailing envelopes were left when the occupants were not at home, send in their contributions as soon as possible. A report on the amounts received will be given next week.

Headquarters were open from 1 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dempsey Dodge Plymouth show room, where Mrs. Edith Ackley and Mrs. Clara Kerns kept the coffee and cake detail for workers as they returned. Mr. Peabody, with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dempsey, also remained at headquarters during the time to tally the home contacted and receipts turned in by the captains, members of Gamma Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, who have taken on the Heart Fund Drive as one of their major civic contributions.

Other organizations participating by furnishing members for this great task were: Brookings Bible church, Baptist Community church, Catholic church, Episcopal church, Lutheran church, Presbyterian church, The American Legion, Emblem Club, The Grange, and women of the United States National Bank. Many individuals not affiliated with these groups also volunteered. Some whose names were not given last week were: Mrs. Thelma Houvila, Mrs. Ronnie Ragland, Mrs. Iva Kreuger, June Miller, Mrs. Everett Jagers, Mrs. Laura Barker, Mrs. Elaine Heffle, and Mrs. Betty Gutherie. Not all organizations of the area were called on for workers, since enough workers volunteered from those contacted.

The drive for funds will continue the rest of February and it is hoped by all those who have given their time and energies to make this a success, that every resident of the area will also do their part and contribute whatever they can afford to this good work. The dollars you give now may mean that one of your loved ones may benefit in time to come from findings of the great research projects.

Weideman Wins Coos-Curry Bid

A local contractor, Roy Weideman was the low bidder and received the award on the new Coos-Curry Electric Co-op building, which will be built here.

Weideman's bid was \$58,370, while the high bid was \$74,574. There were 10 contractors bidding on the project. A second local firm, Horton Bros. was only \$4,000 off with a bid of \$62,337.

The building will be concrete and block construction, and will be two level with the office area on the ground street level, with a maintenance shop behind, also on ground level because of the slope of the land. The building will be similar to the structure recently completed in Gold Beach.

There was no immediate word on when construction would start, and on the completion date, although it is believed that work would begin as soon as weather permitted. The bids were opened in Coquille.

Weideman has constructed numerous other buildings in Brookings including the Pilot building, and the Elks-Palmer building.

SHANGLE TO OPERATE FIRM

An announcement has been made by Bob Shangle, Medford, to the effect that his firm has taken over and is now operating the Curry County Service Bureau, which now becomes a division of the Business Service Bureau Inc. which has offices in Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

The firm is associated with the Credit Bureau of Crescent City.

Shangle will maintain the office in the Manley Building, and Velma Erb is the local manager. Shangle said that there are 21 participating members among the Brookings business and professional people.

Shangle is a Willamette U. graduate. He started as Credit Bureau manager in McMinnville, and then moved to Medford to set up his own business.

He feels that it is necessary to provide service to all of Southern Oregon, and that the Brookings branch is essential. The Fred Sproule interest was purchased by Shangle because Shangle felt that there is a need for this type of service in Brookings.

The firm is a member of the American Collection Association, the largest in the world, and the Oregon State Collectors Association, and the National Association of Credit bureaus.

They will engage in credit reporting, collecting work of all kinds, and other varied credit services.

Two Businesses Make Change

The Chetco Hardware store, operated by Virg and Marg Goldsberry is in the process of expanding in larger quarters. They will take over the space formerly occupied by Harold's Jewelry some months back, and will install a separate appliance and TV department.

Work is currently in progress now, and it's expected that within a week the new portion of the store will be ready for occupancy. The two departments will be connected, and the wall between has already been knocked out.

Also the Brookings Flower and Gift shop has been in the process of moving across Chetco Ave. to a new location, also in the Grayshel building. Mrs. Juanita Echols, shop owner has been moving this week.

Dr. David Brown Heads Local Polio Clinic

Dr. David Brown was appointed in charge of the Polio Immunization, and the administration thereof in the Brookings area.

A polio clinic will be held on March 27 at 9 a.m. and on March 29 at 1 p.m. at the elementary school building.

Program March 16

The Barbershoppers of Crescent City, who have been joined with the group from Brookings will put on a "Night of Harmony" on Saturday, March 16 at the Crescent-Elk auditorium in Crescent City.

A former Brookings man, Bob Perkins, will be Master of Ceremonies, and the Cascade Chorus, nationally famous from Eugene will appear.

Tickets will be on sale locally at Grayshel Insurance Agency, and from George and Henry Mosier.

Zelka to Open Business Again

Henry Zelka, who was burned out of his business in Smith River several weeks ago, reported that it would be about three weeks before his firm can take any type of work again. Zelka was in the rug cleaner, and janitorial service work.

The building which he occupied in Smith River was leveled in a blaze, in which Mr. and Mrs. Zelka narrowly escaped with their lives. He reported that they didn't have time to save anything, including all their equipment and their pets, a parakeet and a dog.

Zelka, who has many customers in Brookings said that his new location will be on the Ft. Dick road near highway 101, past the Dr. Fine bridge. Insurance just covered a small part of the total damages in the fire.

Urge Mass Letter Writing On Highway Bond Issue

Vern Ayres, secretary-manager of the Oregon Coast Association proposed the end for "America's last cow trail" Tuesday noon, before the Brookings Rotary club and other interested people.

Ayres told about the steps that preceded the bond issue that has been placed in the state senate hopper, and said that now is the time to get it. He said that if the Gold Beach-Brookings bottleneck isn't licked by the \$12,000,000 bond it will be many years before anything is done.

Urging the mass letter writing to the assemblymen and state senators Ayres pointed out that Gov. Holmes has given the bond project his whole hearted approval. He said that the bond would require no increase in taxes, as it

would be paid back through "users taxes" on gasoline, etc. He explained that the Coast Association has had the blessing of the Oregonian, and the help of all the Coast county senators and assemblymen, especially Sen. Dick Chapman and Carl Back.

Ayres said that the hearing would be held within two weeks, and that if it was passed it would require a year and a half before engineering work is completed, and an estimated six years to finish. He said that right-of-ways were no problem.

Senate bill 308 was introduced by senators Andrew Naterlin, Tillamook, and Chapman, Coos-Curry, and will first come to the attention of the Senate highway committee of which Senator Harry D.

Boivin is chairman, and Nateslin vice chairman. If it receives a "do pass" vote in this committee it will then go to the senate floor for action.

From there, if action is favorable, it will go to the house highway committee, and then to the house floor. A public hearing will probably be held on the measure by the senate highway committee and later by the house highway committee.

Ayres, in a news letter, urged that a strong delegation from all along the coast attend these hearings. He also stated that thousands of dollars spent in sign boards, travel film and magazine publicity can not do the job without the elimination of this bottleneck.

Presbyterians Work

Quite a few Presbyterian church members have been holding work parties at the new building evenings. The women have been painting, varnishing and what have you; while many of the men have installed the furnace, and done construction work.

Clarice Joins May

Clarice Lattimer and May Blunt have joined forces to open a new novelty and gift shop. The business will be located in the old Flower and Gift shop building next to Ostenburgs.

A grand opening is being planned for the 9th of March. "Pojo" the clown will be present to give gifts to the kids and coffee and cake is planned for the adults.

Brooks End Basketball Season Thurs.

Brookings had to settle for consolation place in the Rogue River A-2 division play-off last week end, after losing another close one to Eagle Point on Thursday night.

Eagle Point rated in the state, had to make an uphill climb in the last ten minutes to surge by the Brook quint by 45-39.

However, Brookings nailed down the consolation prize by snowing under Glendale 56-50 on Saturday night.

Against Eagle Point it was pretty much the same story. The Brooks have played the Eagles five times this season, and have beaten them only once—but the rest of the time it has been close.

Eagle Point never had the lead

in the game until Ron Veach swished a long two-hander with less than three minutes left in the game. That made the score 38-37 for the Eagles. The Rogue league winners played ball control from there and collected seven more points, five on gift shots before Bill Workinger got the final bucket for the Bruins.

With less than four minutes to play in the third quarter Brookings had a 12 point lead, 30-18 margin over the Eagles, who whittled it down to seven points at 34-27 by the end of the stanza.

Brookings could only make five points in the critical quarter, although they were the steadier quint for most of three periods. The team looked smooth, and hit well from the field.

The Bruins led 12-7 at the quarter, and 24-14 at halftime. Each team had 15 field goals, but only made nine of 18 free throws.

Stan Gribble led Brooks scoring with 13 points, while Jerry Anderson had nine, Workinger and Ron Lane six, and Ron Bullock five.

The Brookings victory over Glendale wasn't too easy to come by either, although the Brooks hadn't had any particular troubles with Glendale in the past. The Pirates led by a 16-7 score at the end of the first period, before Brookings realized they were in a ball game.

By half time they had cut the advantage to a mere three points at 26-23, and they really cut loose at the third quarter. In the third period they tallied 23 points to take an impressive 46-34 lead over Glendale.

They merely held their margin in the last quarter, and staved off any Glendale threat.

Jerry Anderson was again top netting 19 points on six buckets and seven gift tosses. Ron Lane hit 10, Jerry Fox eight, and Ron Bullock eight. Workinger and Dale Rutledge each had four, Gary Galmbos two, and Jim Gribble one.

Industrial Meeting Well Attended

Well over 200 Brookings and Harbor people met in the Brookings high school auditorium Tuesday night to hear economic problems of the area aired, and hear the beginning of plans formulated for industrial development here.

The large, very interested group met to hear Clifford Elliott, secretary-manager of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce tell of what their community has done in the promotion of industry.

Gordon Olson, head of a group of businessmen that organized the meeting opened the meeting, and laid the groundwork for the session.

Paul Fauerso, president of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce gave a short talk, emphasizing the importance of the community "pulling together" in any undertaking.

D. D. Williams, Supt. of Schools reported that he is entrusted with 1100 youngsters to educate, and that money is needed to educate them. He pointed out that currently in the district there is only

about \$1900 assessed valuation per student.

Williams told of how 18 teachers were on half day sessions, and how the high school, built for 300 students already has 425 in it. He said that 15 more classrooms are needed now.

Charles Grayshel, former Chamber of Commerce president, gave a report on the local employment situation, citing some examples of what additional payroll dollars would bring.

Olson told of three major needs of the area. 1. An improved highway. 2. A road from Brookings way between Brookings and Gold to Selma, and thence to the valley and 3. A deep water harbor.

Elliott told how the city of McMinnville suddenly lost their lumber industry, and how the community managed to pull themselves back up. Elliott said that in Oregon we depend upon three major revenues: 1. agriculture, 2. tourists, and 3. lumber, and they all are at their peak in the summer. He said that the problem is

to level it off—through year round industry.

Elliott pointed out that the main and initial step is to analyze the local situation, in respect to transportation, fuel, labor pool, favorable taxes, and raw material.

He told how they formed a non-profit group which succeeded in: 1. Locating one plant that hired 54 men in the community; 2. Built a sheathing plant that employed 75 men; and 3. Located a trailer manufacturing plant that will cover eight acres and will employ 130 people.

He said that one of the best ways to get the taxes down is to broaden the tax base by locating new industry in an area.

The most interesting part of the meeting, from a spectators standpoint came in the question and answer period following Elliott's presentation. Elliott said that the Chamber of Commerce is the logical place for any industrial development to start, in an answer to a question by Murray Palmer.

Ed Dempsey asked Elliott wheth-

er he believed a town of Brookings size could afford a paid secretary-manager. Elliott said that it could be done, depending on how badly the community felt it needed a man. He believed it could operate on a budget of \$7000 and stressed again how important it was to get a group to set down the community resources, and what it has to offer prospective industry.

Former mayor Roy Brimm told the group how he felt that it was necessary for one organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce to handle the promotion, and said that he personally wouldn't give a dime to any other group other than the Chamber for the purpose.

County Commissioner Fred Flynn made an impassioned plea for everybody to write their assemblyman and state senator in regard to the bond issue of \$12,000,000 for the building of highway 101 between Gold Beach and Brookings. Flynn said that it must be done now.