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HOME BURNED TO GROUND

A fire of undetermined origin burned down the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holmes Monday afternoon, about six miles up the North Bank Chetco Road.

The house was burned to the ground, and almost nothing was saved by the Holmes, who were planning on moving to Portland in the near future. They had, in fact, a good many of their effects packed.

The Holmes had been trying to sell their home for some time.

Jack was formerly a partner in the B and H Logging Supply firm in Brookings, and more recently had been working at the Brookings Plywood Corp.

Mrs. Holmes is a beauty operator at Kay's Beauty Salon.

Mr. Holmes was in town when the fire started, with their five

year old son. Mrs. Holmes first noticed the smoke.

The area has no telephone service, and no fire protection, so once the fire started there was no way to get help.

An insurance adjuster was at the scene Wednesday, but there was no report on the cause of the fire, although wiring may have been defective.

The Holmes are currently staying at the Goetz cottages.

HEDBERG MILL BURNS

A fire, fanned by a strong wind burned the Hedberg mill in Harbor to the ground Wednesday night.

Fire Chief Val Mendenhall got the call at about 10 p.m. but the flames had already enveloped the structure.

The Harbor Fire Department was there, having had a meeting that had just broke up earlier.

The alarm was phoned in by Archie McVay.

Firemen worked until after midnight to attempt to check the blaze from spreading.

The mill had been shut down for quite a spell, but Wednesday a small crew had worked about four hours.

The fire lit up the entire sky south of Brookings.

PORT DISTRICT CHOPS OFF \$4,000

The Brookings Port Commission slashed \$4,200 off their budget, following a two and a half hour hearing on the proposed budget Thursday morning.

There were 14 people at the budget hearing, with eight or nine

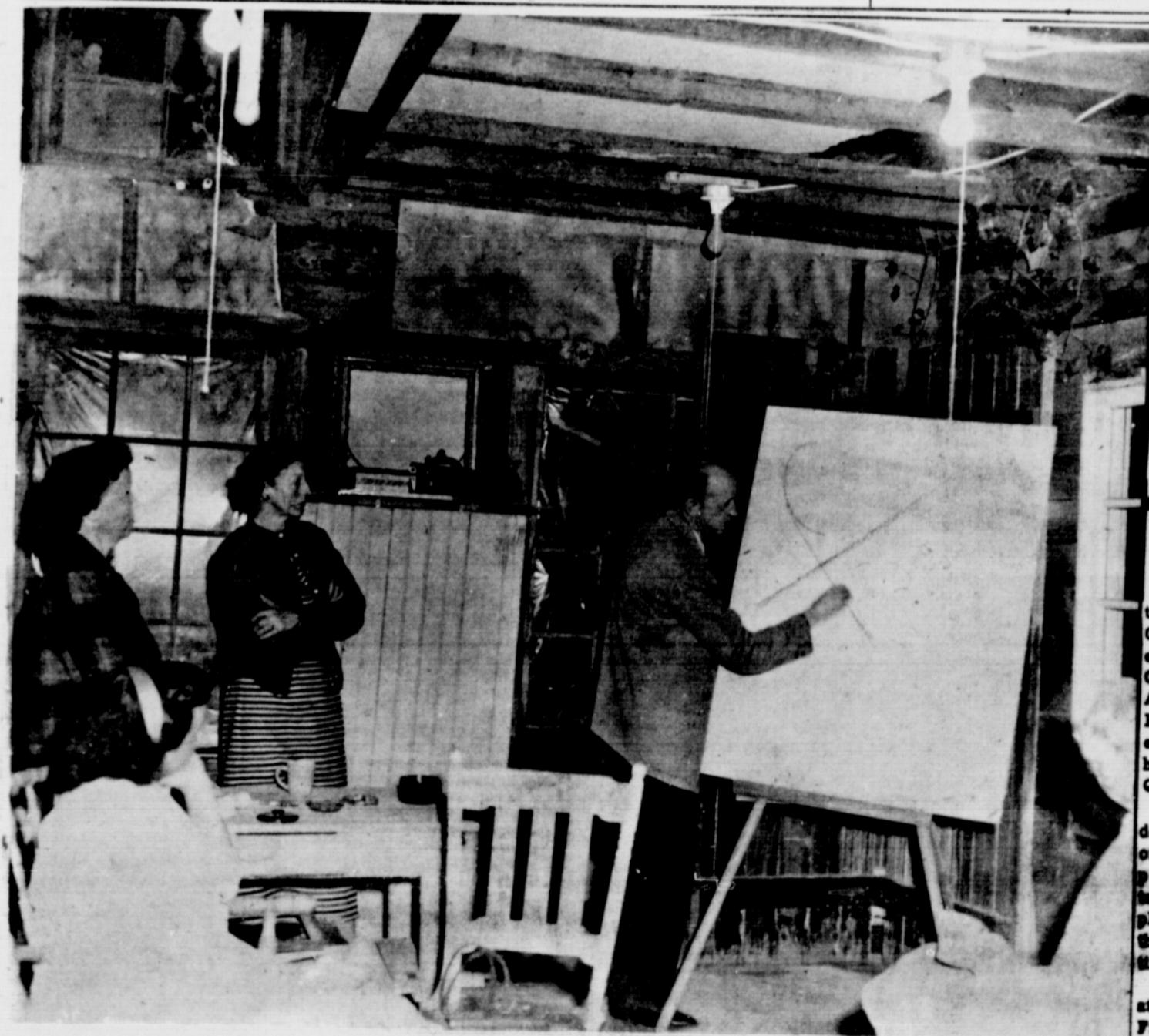
registering their protests to the Port District's first assessment.

Following the hearing the Commissioners met again, and chopped off a \$1,200 item for a paid assistant secretary's salary and lopped off \$3,000 off the

\$13,000 set aside in the budget for the purchase of land.

The hearing was a little heated at times, and each item on the budget was questioned. The Port

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PICTURED ABOVE IS CLYDE WOOD, noted Los Angeles Artist, as he graphically illustrates a point in regard to his discussion on Art. Mr. Wood, in an informal talk before the local Pelican Bay art group Friday, stressed the need for the artist to look inward for real meaning towards his work. The talk was given at the group's renovated studio on Fern street. Pilot PHOTO

NO PAVING THIS YEAR

DUST IN YOUR EYES?

There's bad news this week in Brookings for those plagued by the dust on the streets.

Harold Ayers, Field Engineer Oregon State Highway Commission told two groups in Brookings that it would be difficult if not impossible to attempt any paving project this year.

He said that the state crews could not help in any way now, and it may even be difficult to get help for next year.

First Ayers talked to the Brookings Rotary club, and then Tuesday evening he told a special meeting of the council and the Planning Commission the same story.

He said that the city would receive approximately \$11,000 from the state road fund some time in early August, which could be used for that purpose, but he pointed out that by the time the city made the survey, formed the special assessment district that the summer would be over.

At first Ayers was opposed to any "temporary" measure in paving--such as the laying of heavy oil blacktopping as the city proposed to do for .50¢ a foot.

However, after looking over the streets, Ayers said that a project such as that would help eliminate the dust problem and would provide fair roads for a few years.

He was sold, however, on the correct way of proceeding, which would be to really pave a street so it wouldn't have to be done over again in a few years. Ayers told too, of the futility of putting oil, and rock, and more rock on any street.

Ayers told the council that he was very much impressed by the work done on the city streets during the past year.

He said that they were drained good, most of them were crowned, and were wider than his last inspection.

It was the consensus of city opinion that nothing could be done to blacktop any city street this year.

RAINFALL TOTAL 1.19

Last week's wonderful rain totaled 1.19 inches, with .73 of an inch on July 13th.

GRANGE URGES ENTRIES AT CURRY COUNTY FAIR

Chetco Grange Master Joe Zumpfe is urging the people of the southern part of Curry County to start planning on the exhibits they can take to the County Fair at Gold Beach, August 9-10-11. There will be a Princess from this area, and if enough exhibits are sent from here, she could be the Fair Queen.

The selection of the Queen depends entirely on the number of exhibits entered, with extra points given for the exhibits taking first, second and third places. With the Fair only about three weeks away, now is the time to plan for it.

It is planned to have a meeting at the Grange Hall prior to the Fair to instruct exhibitors on how to make the entries, and information on the fair given by the county extension agents. The date of this meeting will be announced as soon as know.