

HARBOR POST OFFICE BUILDING DISGRACE REPORTS PORTER



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BROOKINGS, OREGON

\$3 MILLION PROJECT MAY START IN JAN.

A big section of the sparkling new Oregon Coast highway, between Brookings and Whaleshead Creek, will be ready to let for bids by the first of the year, if the local engineers have their way in the matter.

The state highway engineers, working out of a Brookings office have set up a tentative schedule for the new highway between Brookings and Meyers Creek.

A portion of that highway, one unit of the Brookings to Whaleshead Creek, is scheduled to be let in December, and the second unit between Brookings and Whaleshead will be ready to be let by January of 1958.

The estimated cost for the work for this seven mile section will be well over \$3,000,000. Surfacing on this new stretch won't be done until 1959 or 1960, according to the present scheduling.

Engineering crews are currently working on the full line to Meyers Creek, and have progressed very well. There are two full crews in the field, with about 16 men, with about six in the Brookings office.

Engineering on the whole project won't be completed until at least July of next year.

The existing timetable calls for the expenditure of the entire \$12,600,000 on the Brookings to Meyers Creek section. This is the amount of the bond issue passed by the last state legislature.

The engineers line will take off from the new section of highway 101 in Brookings, completed last year, near the Anderson place, and cut off in a straight line to a point behind the Hedberg homes on Harris Heights road. It will cross the existing highway somewhere near the South Coast mill, and head towards Rainbow rock.

This new highway, between Brookings and Gold Beach will open up some of the most beautiful scenery to be seen anywhere in the entire country.

The new line will run along the coast for many miles, in an area seldom seen by people now.



ALMOST IN THE DRINK went this truck, with driver still in it. The truck was in the process of dropping off one huge rock for the South Jetty when the truck tipped over. The driver escaped serious injury. This picture was taken from the Brookings side, only about 30 feet from the accident. The South Jetty is out about 800 feet, which is about half way. It is just about at the edge of the ocean. The truck was righted in a jiffy, and work on the jetty progressed. PILOT PHOTO

WORKMAN HURT BY GRADER

Frank Harrison, who was serving as the city street department flag man was hurt Monday when he got hit by the grader.

Harrison was rushed to the Seaside hospital in Crescent City by the Brookings ambulance.

Dr. Tony Leschin who treated Harrison reported that he suffered several cracked ribs, a concussion, a fractured arm, and other injuries, but said that he is getting along just fine.

Bill Spencer, city work superintendent said that Harrison was flagging down cars on Oak street

when the accident happened, at about 3:30 p.m. Monday.

He said that Harrison had just flagged down one car, and had turned around because he thought he saw another approaching. In the meantime Pete Tierce, who was driving the grader thought that Harrison had moved out of the way and started forward, hitting him.

It was understood that no part of the grader passed over Harrison.

WOODS GETTING DRY

W. E. Ragland, Chetco district forest ranger reports that the woods are getting very dry, and said that a hazardous situation could be coming. However, the weather has been pretty good and Ragland said that things aren't too bad right now. In some areas in the state the woods have been closed to tourist travel.

JACK POT RODEO TO BE FEATURE OF COUNTY FAIR

A jack pot Rodeo will be held at the Curry County Fair, on two days, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be events for youngsters as well as adults, and all cowboys in the area are invited to participate.

Seven watches will be given away as well as the jack pots.

TO PUT IN FOUNTAIN

Colbert and Colbert, contractors, are in the process of remodeling the old building next to the Hurst building, and will put in a fountain and a novelty shop.

Mr. Colbert reported that the upper part of the old structure, long an eyesore, would be given renovation work too.

The lower floor has been completely modernized, with large plate glass windows installed.

HIGH COST OF LUXURY

NEWS ITEM: Clark King, Crescent City accountant, was recently awarded the contract for \$954.00 for the auditing of the books of Del Norte County. This also calls for the setting up of the county budget. The budget incidentally, totals around the \$2,000,000 figure--twice that of the Curry County budget.

ANOTHER NEWS ITEM: A month ago, the Curry County budget (unbid) called for the expenditure of \$4,500 for the auditing of the county books, an increase of \$1,000 over last year. Also a small item of \$20,000 is included in the budget for the "Revision of County Records".

HARBOR POST OFFICE BUILDING GETS REQUEST

In a hot letter to Postmaster Arthur Summerfield, Congressman Charles Porter said that the Harbor Post Office building is a "disgrace" to the Post Office department.

Porter said that half the old structure was a chicken coop, and the other half was a milk shed. "The two sheds were put together and a little paint applied and for the past ten years it has been called the United States Post Office".

The letter is re-printed in full on page two of this week's Pilot.

Porter calls for the construction of a new building which would be leased to the department.

ELKS PICNIC ON SUNDAY

THIRD ANNUAL ELKS PICNIC IS SET FOR COMING SUNDAY

The third annual Brookings Lodge Elk's picnic will be held this Sunday, July 28, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The picnic will be held, as in the past, at the Freeman ranch up the South Bank road about six miles.

The committee has planned a full day for both youngsters and adults, with volley ball tournaments, tether ball, badminton, swimming, and competitive games for the kids, plus refreshments for all.

Highlighting the menu will be barbecued chicken, served from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Jetty Nears Ocean

The south jetty is at the half way mark. That was the word from Bill Lewis, Army Engineer who is working on the Brookings project.

The south jetty has reached a point at the mouth of the river, about 800 feet from the start.

It will extend out into the ocean another 800 feet. Lewis said that the work on the jetty is just about on schedule. He reported that the rock is good, and that the contractor, Floyd Somers, of Medford, didn't seem to be having any difficulties at all.

Lewis said that they were using a good deal more rock than they had figured on, because the depth of the river is now 12 feet in spots where they had earlier surveyed to be 2 feet deep.