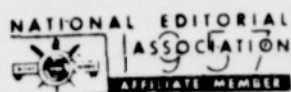


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EDITORIAL

A GOOD IDEA LASTS FOR YEARS.....

In viewing through an old scrap book of Bill Crissey we came across a series of articles telling about a demand to make the central Curry coastline a National park. It still seems like it is a fine idea. The proposed national park would be the only one on the entire western coast line, although there is one on the east coast in far-off Maine.

The site favored by the residents of the area at that time was a long strip of coast line, running from Arch Rock on the north, to the Colegrove ranch on the south. Some of the people originally at the meeting where this project was discussed in 1940 were W. L. Crissey, Elmer Bankus, Wilson Freeman, and W. S. Chadwick.

The plan, even when viewed 17 years later still has some real merit. One of the main objections at the time was the withdrawal of tax land in Curry County. It is true now, and it was true then, that land is certainly at a premium in this county. Although the actual worth of the land would be small, indeed, in comparison with the benefits that would be derived from a federal park. The people at the meeting 17 years ago cited the benefits gained at Crater Lake National park. It is true that the state will have a park in that beautiful area, and that will probably suffice. We do want that land preserved for all the people to see, though. We are proud of it—and it is truly among the most scenic spots in the entire country.

Way back in 1940 a writer by the name of Richard Neuberger wrote a series of articles upon "Oregon Areas Eyed for National Park Status". This young conservationist and writer said at that time that "A park on the Oregon coast would be unique among all the national parks of the region. This is the principal reason it has been promoted. It would be the one park encompassing exclusively a long stretch of ocean front. The park would be located mainly in Curry county, where the land dips down to the sea in magnificent sweeps. The contemplated boundaries include smooth beaches as well as jagged capes and headlands."

Perhaps we could now enlist the aid of this writer in his new capacity for a new try at a National park for Curry county.

GOOD COMMENTS ON PAPER

During the past four or five weeks we have found out what wonderful people we do have in the Brookings-Harbor area. We, as you know, have pioneered in a new type of "cold-type" printing, that is extremely new to Oregon—as well as the entire country. While we were getting our equipment set-up, and our new process perfected we had what we would consider some very sloppy looking sheets. However, during the past few weeks since we've made the change-over, a great number of local people have told us how nice the Pilot is looking. We appreciate that very much.

We have had a great deal of recognition from other sources too on our new process, and recently received letters from 22 different states asking us for sample papers, and other information in regard to "offset" printing. We think that now that the first step has been made that improvements from here on will be automatic and continuous. We hope to carry a great deal more pictures, in as much that we do the entire process, from clicking the camera to making the engraving right here in our own plant. We cordially invite any and all that wish to see our new process to come in and take a look.

Roy Weideman and the Coos-Curry Co-op should get a medal for their work in brightening up the area, with their new Building. Ho-man. It is pretty bright.

for what it's worth

CLIFFORD ROWE

Any lad on reaching his sixth birthday is usually rather proud of himself. As he sees it, this is actually the first milestone in his life which amounts to anything. Prior to this occasion, birthdays really held no particular fascination because there were no special privileges attached thereto.

At the age of six though the picture changes, for then the authorities say that he is old enough to go to school. And that makes it a big day, indeed!

Of course, there will be others. When he is 12, he can join the Boy Scouts; when he is 16, he can get a work permit; when he is 18, he can be drafted; and when he is 21, he becomes his own boss—or so says the law. From that time on but two important birthdays remain—his fortieth when life is supposed to begin and his sixty-fifth when he comes into social security.

All of the foregoing is merely a sneaky and roundabout way of making my annual revelation that this column has reached the end of another year of existence. In other words, For What It's Worth is six years old this week.

While six years may seem a short span of time, I have never-

theless discovered that important changes have taken place which have had their effect on the content of this weekly offering. For instance, the goings-on of my youngsters used to be a favorite subject six years ago. But then my daughter was ten years old and my son was fourteen. Today they are sixteen and twenty, and somehow one doesn't wish to invade their privacy any more, particularly since it is fairly safe to assume that they and their friends have learned to read.

At any rate, I feel my usual satisfaction at having completed another year. Of course, I have long ago given up the dream that I might some day become another Ring Lardner, or a Will Rogers, or a Robert Ruark. But at the same time, an occasional letter received from a reader encourages me to believe that For What It's Worth has become a part, although small, of the modern Oregon scene.

And so as usual I again invite my readers to drop me a card, or better yet a letter if they have the time, as a sort of commemoration of a sixth birthday. The address is 2825--15th Place, Forest Grove Oregon.

PIPE DREAMS

JOE MURPHY



A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crissey let me borrow their Brookings scrap book, which is a jam packed book filled with wonderful articles about Brookings, and the Azalea Festival, dating way back to 1939. Most of the publicity was secured through the efforts of the Crisseys—and what publicity it was too!

Some of the high spots in the book follow: January 31, 1940: Oregon's first natural redwood park was a reality—the Delcur Co. deeded 120 acres of sequoias in Curry County to the state. The land is 10 miles up the Chetco River from Brookings.

1939--Brookings win the annual tallely in flower census with 57 varieties in bloom at Christmas time. Flowers grown were paper white narcissus, carnations, wallflowers, fuchsias and callas, and many others all in bloom outdoors on January 1.

Oregon's Easter lily bulb industry, fast growing infant of the Northwest's \$7,000,000 nursery business produced about 1,000,000 bulbs in 1939. Item in Oregonian says. W. L. Crissey, bulb grower of Gresham, was the man who first started bulb growing in Curry County. He came to this section three years ago and started an experimental field. His experiment met with such success that he has expanded his acreage and many other farmers are now going into the business.

May 20, 1939--Azalea Park dedication held at Brookings. It was reported that awards were presented to Martha Hassett, and Robert Stanhurst (engraved pictures of Abraham Lincoln) for essays on the park. An editorial in the Portland Journal said--The Azalea Garden Park is placed near the mountains upon a swinging bend of the clear Chetco river that also overlooks the ocean. Almost in the center is a small elevation, from which the whole picture of bloom and beauty can be seen as from grandstand seats. A fine driveway has been made from Brookings and the Oregon Coast highway. It is one of the loveliest spots to be found anywhere this side of Paradise. It is a jewel in a splendid setting.

OVERPRODUCTION PLAGUES NORTHWEST FOREST SALES

Overproduction plagues all segments of the Northwest forest products industry and until supply and demand are stabilized, no foreseeable upward trend in the currently low prices is in store, reports Random Lengths, Eugene weekly lumber market letter.

The freight rate increases authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission last week will probably inspire a brief flurry of orders prior to the August 26 effective date but very little change is anticipated in the overall market picture. However it is generally conceded producers will have to absorb the increased shipping costs.

The recent FHA decision to lower down payments and boost the maximum interest rate on insured mortgages brought cautious comment from industry spokesmen. Most are doubtful that it will trigger a spurt of home building, but might result in a slightly improved market.

Green fir mills report prices about the same as last week, holding to their three-month lows. The current bear market finds only premium tallies and assortments readily saleable, and only a few scattered items receive active buyer interest.

Mixed car mills shipping both green and kiln dried lumber report a static market and fair order files. In general, they hold to previously established price levels unless serious accumulation problems develop.

Plywood production has widened its lead over sales last week and prices are weakening on both sheathing and sanded stock.

There have been reports of a few shutdowns, and several plants announced four-day work weeks.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

Notice is hereby given that I, Gilbert M. Batty, of Brookings Oregon intend to purchase and receive from Ralph H. Tew, of Brookings, Oregon all of his right, title and interest in and to all the stock in trade of the Brookings Flying A Service Station, located at Highway 101 and Oak st., Brookings, Oregon.

That the aforesaid stock in trade consists of generally, gasoline, oil grease, tires, batteries, auto accessories and supplies.

Said sale will be made on the 16th day of August, 1957, at the hour of 4 p. m. of said day, at those premises known as Flying A Service Station located at Highway 101 and Oak St., Brookings, Oregon.

That the consideration of price of said transfer shall pass at the time and place of said sale.

Dated: August 6, 1957
Gilbert M. Batty
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LaVon Murphy, brother of Bill Murphy, Brookings, visited here for a few days. He is on leave from the Navy. Also the Leys folks from Garberville drove up for a visit.



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