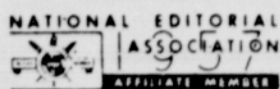


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EDITORIAL

OREGONIAN ARTICLE BRINGS UP A FEW POINTS

A recent article in the Oregonian reiterates some of the very things that we have been talking about here for the past months, and brings up a few more points worth editorial comment.

First the article, written by John Armstrong, says that "The new highway, which for the most part will skirt the edges of the surf, will open up for public enjoyment, miles of spectacular coast line and scores of attractive beaches and inlets, that hitherto have been seen only by crews of offshore fishing boats and a few hardy shepherders." More than this, the article continues, "The completion of the new waterboard route should increase by up to 100 percent the number of tourists continuing north into Oregon from California on U.S. 101". COMMENT: If more of our population becomes aware that a beautiful new highway will take them right through some of most terrific scenery anywhere, and along sandy, cool beaches, we'll guarantee an increase of more than a mere 100 percent.

W.C. Williams, state highway engineer told Armstrong that the entire project is slated for completion by 1961, but given favorable weather conditions that deadline may be beat. Williams also said that the cost of the highway has gone up from the originally estimated \$16,000,000 to \$18,000,000. This will be some of the heaviest highway construction ever undertaken in the U.S. says Williams, costing about \$600,000 a mile. COMMENT: It remains our opinion that whatever the new highway costs--that is money well spent. The state will benefit from increase tourist business. The county will benefit from being more closely linked together, but the people will benefit most of all, by having access to the Pacific ocean with all its many beauties.

The state already owns several thousand acres for park purposes adjacent to the ocean, and through which the new highway will go. C.H. Armstrong, superintendent of the state parks said that he would be sending parks department personnel to Curry County shortly to make a study on what can be done about developing new areas suitable for public use, with an eye to showing travelers from out-of-state the recreational advantages that the Curry county coast offers. "We hope to induce them to spend extra days in the Curry County area, specifically, and with new park developments along the new highway," Armstrong said.

Comment: We think that the state park department should plan high on the estimated volume of tourists to prepare for. We plan high on the estimated volume of tourists to prepare for. We see plenty of evidence at Harris Beach State park that the need for such facilities will be high indeed.

Armstrong (the writer) quoted Bradley Page, secretary of the Crescent City Chamber of Commerce as saying that "there is about a 50 percent loss of tourist business to the Oregon Coast because of the bad reputation of the present Brookings to Gold Beach highway." COMMENT: This we know. And we have never been happy with those Crescent City jokers, our "neighbors" for sending all those free spending tourists inland. In doing just that they have left a bad taste in the mouths of a lot of Brookings people.

OTHER COMMENTS: About the only unpleasant thing about Armstrong's article was his zooming right by the work being done now on the mouth of the Chetco, with the Federal government currently spending nearly a half million dollars to make the deep sea fishing easy to get to. This he didn't see fit to mention, although he wrote at length about the "proposed" Gold Beach harbor. As a matter of fact, we think Armstrong missed Brookings entirely, except to point out that it is a "clean, modern, prosperous looking city", which it is. However, this is another example of publicity that can do us no harm. We would like to extend to our Mr. Armstrong an invitation to visit Brookings when he can stay longer.

SKETCHBOOK



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for what it's worth

CLIFFORD ROWE

I have read many a mystery thriller wherein the person accused would have given all his worldly possessions in order to be able to establish an alibi. In fact, for those who have chosen crime as a profession, the possession of an alibi is one of the first items considered when engaged in planning a coup.

I now know how the culprit must feel who, when selected for accusation, is unable to give an honest alibi or even to manufacture one out of whole cloth. For just two weeks ago in writing my column pertaining to the addition of a cat to our household, I committed the gravest crime possible for one writing for public consumption. I made a grammatical error!

For one who claims to be a writer, the error was bad enough; but for a professor of journalism who has also been teaching English in both high school and university for the past 28 years, the mistake was unforgivable. Even though many writers in the press today are becoming more and more sloppy in their handling of their grammar, there was still no valid excuse for my backsliding.

Any writer, though, will admit that if one is to make an error, one such as I made is the easiest. If you remember, in my article I wrote as follows: "But while his antics sent the princess

and I into near convulsions----" technically, "the princess and I" is being used as the compound object of the verb "sent", and so the object should have read "the princess and me".

I cannot use ignorance as an alibi, for I knew better. If I have explained that same rule to students once, I have done so at least a thousand times. So I can only admit, that the error was due to carelessness on my part; an instance where I should have practised what I preach so much in my classes that one should always go over the finished article with a critical eye.

There were some good results, however, from this "goofing" on my part. I received letters, phone calls, and personal reprimands on the street. Whereas in the past I have tried dozens of gimmicks in an attempt to get some reader response, I finally succeeded while not even trying.

I am left with still another consolation. They say that to err is human. So at last I can make that claim.

**LEGION AUXILIARY
WILL MEET MONDAY**

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting in the basement of the Leonard Building on Monday, Sept. 9th. All members are urged to attend.



PIPE DREAMS

JOE MURPHY

We sure got a boot out of the Rodeo held last Sunday, although we wished that the crowd would have been a little bigger. There is always something interesting going on at a rodeo. We think Warren McNeely, and Fred Blunt, with the help of some of the Chetco Wranglers did a fine job, and helping to keep alive Rodeo Week in Brookings.

I asked Warren McNeely's little boy if he was planning on doing some calf riding. He is only ankle high to a double jointed grasshopper, but told me that "I've got a headache, or I'd ride every gosh darned calf in the place". Both Warren and Fred didn't last too long atop their steers before landing with a mouthful of dust, but then there are plenty of guys in town that wouldn't have gotten on one of them critters for all the tea in China. My only disappointment was that May Blunt didn't get to ride any of those animals.

It couldn't happen in Brookings, but reportedly did in a neighboring community. A representative of the local newspaper went calling on a merchant to find out if he wanted to run an ad in the paper. "Nope," responded the merchant emphatically, "I tried it two summers ago, and the place was so jammed with people that I never did find time to do any fishing".

Labor day has always left a bad conotation in my mind. Why couldn't they call it Picnic Day, or Rest Day, but this word Labor somehow makes me think of work. I guess I'll have to take it up with some of my friends in the higher government circles.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Phetteplace are the parents of a baby girl, born August 23, at the Seaside hospital. She weighted 7 lbs. 8 oz. and her name is Kelli Lynne. Dr. Brown assisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McVay are the parents of a baby boy born Aug. 19, at the Seaside hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs and was named Michael John.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross became the parents of their third child on Thursday, August 29, at Seaside hospital. Dr. Tony Leschin assisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, who recently moved to Lake Tahoe, are the parents of Deann Melinda, 7 lbs. 2 ozs. born on August 26 at the Seaside hospital with Dr. Alksnis in attendance.

The Gray's are visiting at the home of Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tyler of Smith River.

The Gray's lived here for many years, and Mrs. Gray was a local high school teacher until this year

**INVESTIGATION OF
HARBOR POST OFFICE SITE
TO BE MADE SHORTLY**

Word was received here by Brookings Postmaster G.A. Lindsey, that the postal inspectors will be in the area in the near future to conduct an investigation regarding a new building, or a new location for the Harbor Post office.

Lindsey reported that the Inspectors would be interested in finding out if anyone has any ideas on a better building, or a new location of the Harbor Post Office.

The present building has come under some criticism because of water leakage, and inadequate quarters.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Dicken of Eugene, visited Mrs. Paul DeBlock recently.

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