

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Editor:

A past edition of your paper carried a picture of my orchestra, The Brigadeers. Boy, that really brought back memories of yesteryear.

Yes, Bob Crosby, Artie Shaw, and I played in the same places. I gave up my orchestra just a few days before we were to tour the mainland on a terrific War bond drive.

In 1943, I sustained internal burns in my throat and chest fighting fire on the pride of the Navy, the U.S.S. Enterprise. We saved the ship, but I spent many months in the hospital.

Apparently, once in show business, and promoting shows, it's always in the blood no matter what happens, or where.

Being asked to be general chairman of the Azalea Festival was an honor and I was happy to accept. It brought back some of the old fight to "go go" and hope it would be a success.

Thanks to the people of Brookings for the pats on the back. I believe that my committees and our wonderful Queen Jackie and her court are more deserving of those pats than I. They worked hard to make it the huge success it was. God bless them.

Many merchants and lily growers have spoken to me about starting the lily parades again. Some of the leading growers have offered lily blossoms in huge quantities. With the cooperation of the merchants and growers we can't fail. Now the dollar-three eighty question. After looking at the membership roster of the Chamber of Commerce I was sick. Only a few active, paid-up

members when in the past we had hundreds of active paid-up members. If we want the parades and the festivals to continue, the community will have to support the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce will support the community.

Remember, it is the duty of the community to have a strong active Chamber of Commerce. People with intestinal fortitude

Brookings Items

Mrs. Alma Goertzen, Gold Beach, was scheduled to be guest demonstrator for Azalea Garden Club, at their meeting today.

Following the dessert luncheon at the Presbyterian Church Mrs. Goertzen planned to do flower arrangements.

Mrs. Charles Behee and Greg, Mrs. Sarah Biddle and Walter and Mrs. Ed Edick plan to attend Friday and Saturday evening performances of the ballet theatre in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Williamson are visiting his mother, and sister here in Brookings. His mother, Mrs. Williamson is staying with his sister, Mrs. Cliff Lindscoug. The Williamsons are from Washington, D.C. where he is in government service, and she is a secretary to Sen. Sid Herlong, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weeks of Wedderburn, Ore. were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vinning.

ATTEND THE FIRST FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY AT 2 p.m.

and individuality make history, they don't read about it.

I was asked to obtain new memberships. So let's get on the bandwagon. I will be around and get the downbeat from you. We are sustaining to be sustained.

As ever,
Thomas "Speed" Funari

MISSIONARY VISITS

Miss Vivian Lemon, who has served as a missionary for eleven years in the cities of Tokyo and Tanabe, Japan, visited friends in Brookings Thursday and Friday of last week.

Several members of the local Church of Christ heard Miss

Lemon tell of the mission work in Japan as they met informally in the homes of Mrs. Myrtle Breeding, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Beasley. Slide pictures of native dress and other curios of Japan were displayed by the missionary.

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