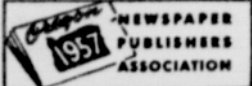
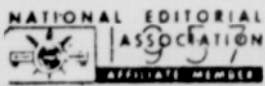


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EDITORIAL

RASING A CROP AT THE BROOKINGS-HARBOR SCHOOL

Superintendent Gene Allison made an interesting, if not completely new analogy last Friday night when he told the Grangers that he felt that he, and the Brookings-Harbor faculty were in the crop raising business too. He said that it takes 12 years to raise his "crop" of students, and reported that he thought that his crop was the most important one grown in these parts.

Allison pointed out that none of the bulb growers would stand for a situation which keeps their crop out of the sunshine for a half of the day--which in effect is what he has to do on the double shift sessions.

It was the first public admission that the school board has been pondering the problem of a school building, which would ease the overcrowded situation in the Brookings-Harbor school system. He was quick to admit that the school board hasn't as yet come up with an solutions, nor are they about too. They are faced with some difficult problems. First, and foremost, they realize that a school has got to be built. This is not just whistling in the dark. The state has all but threatened to cut off the state aid, a figure which exceeds \$100,000 a year, if something isn't done--and soon, about the overcrowded conditions that exist here.

However, then the school board faces up to the alternative of where to get the money, and how, and then where to build the new school. There are rules and regulations made by people in the state that say if a school can be built in the present site, and if it can't then the school must build in Harbor, or some other less crowded site.

The money is a different horse. It must come from the tax payers, and it must come through a bond issue. This is the thing that nobody, including the Pilot, likes to consider at this time. Yet, we have our crop to consider too. We would sure like to know what the answer is.

CLUB HAS SOCIAL MEETING

The second meeting of Beta Sigma Phi, Gamma Gamma Chapter was held September 24. Roll call was answered with a "Gem of Thought". Names of girls to be rushed were submitted. Refreshment and decoration committees were chosen for the rush season.

Plans were made for a pie sale which is to be held Saturday, September 28, at the Hi-way Market.

Gladys Christensen gave a program on "Oratory". She talked about our noted orators and their speech. She concluded that all oratory should be effective public speaking, but all effective speaking need not be oratory.

The meeting was held at the home of Marianne Murphy, with Yvonne Cox serving the delicious refreshments.

HOUSEWARMING GIVEN FOR EVELYN MUNLEY

Evelyn Munley was pleasantly and completely surprised Friday evening when a group of friends gathered at her new home for a housewarming.

She was presented with a lovely wood carrier for her fire place.

Those attending were Mesdames Wm. Browman, Walter Bomhoff, George Hannan, David Brown, John O'Holleran, Robert Smith, Jesse Hoagland, L. Mauroi, and Racheal De-Block.

for what it's worth CLIFFORD ROWE

Early this month I traveled to a small town in southern Idaho to attend, as guest of honor, the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the first high school class I ever taught. The depression was just peeking around the corner in 1929 when I landed in the town of Kimberly, fresh out of college my diploma in my suitcase along with a certificate which stated that I was qualified to be an English teacher.

Three years later, after having been sophomore, junior and senior class advisor and having attempted to teach them the rudiments of the English language, they were graduated and I was fired. With the depression at its worst, it was a poor time to graduate or to lose a job.

So it was highly fitting that with bad times forgotten, the class of 1932 should call a reunion. And it was my good fortune that they, learning that the old slavemaster of a quarter of a century ago was still alive and kicking, should invite him to return to the scene of the crime.

Naturally this reunion was like all reunions. Almost everyone recognized everyone else; and if

they didn't, they made believe they did. Conversation was loaded with "remember whens"; ladies were told they didn't look a day older (and they didn't); and men tried to outdo each other in recounting school day escapades the veracity of which, happily, could neither be proved or disproved.

For myself it was an evening filled with memories. For the first time I realized that I had only been four or five years older than my students. And I recalled that such had been my faith in their future that I had often disagreed with elders who predicted that they would come to no good.

And here they were all of them good reliable citizens including in their ranks farmers, doctors, engineers, judges, salesmen proud mothers, and even proud grandmothers. Those absent sent letters and telegrams, and the essence of the entire event was that life had indeed been good and that in spite of its many shortcomings, the educational system in its bungling way had once more made good. I was proud to have had a small part in the act.

PIPE DREAMS

JOE MURPHY



It is interesting to look over figures. Tax figures, that is. The recent report from Curry County assessor George Sutton discloses that taxes and assessment for all purposes in Curry County total \$1,220,762.68, down \$28,040 from last year. It is also interesting to note that Brookings has an assessed valuation of \$1,793,810, compared to Gold Beach's \$808,160, about half of Brookings. Port Orford has just \$415,310.

Has anybody been to Smith River lately. I know that a good number were down to get their blood drawn out, and I wonder how many of them noticed the streets. They were all black-topped in the last couple of months. The streets were paved by the county. Now--I propose that the county take it's \$300,000 plus, which is neatly tucked away in the road sinking fund, and use that to pave, or help pave the streets in Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings, as well as Harbor, and even Agness, if necessary. We'll have to do it next year, though.

I walked into the Chetco Hardware the other day to see a gun pointing at me. Virg Goldsberry was merely lining it up for the deer hunting season. It would be nice to keep it there to entice customers, and discourage salesmen.

The Chetco Grange Booster Night had a lot of merit. Often we think of the Grange as strictly a farm group, and yet, when a person looks around there, there are a great many who were not "men of the soil". The program was well conceived, and there were plenty of laughs interspersed with the serious. We were glad we went.

With this fire situation what it is, I have decided not to take my pipe out into the woods anymore this summer. I only hope that something breaks in the condition before all the deer hunters have to start trying to find some other excuse to get away from their job for a few days.

Lutherans To Observe Sunday School Week

Faith Lutheran Church will observe National Sunday school week from September 29 to October 6, with a special Rally Day Service this coming Sunday, Sept. 29, based on the theme "Workers Together With God."

The Sunday School meeting at 9:30 a.m. will have open house and the parents and friends are welcome to visit.

At the 11:30 a.m. service the children of the Sunday school will present special musical numbers and the children with perfect attendance records will

receive their awards. Lutheran Services are conducted each Sunday at the 7th Day Adventist church next to the Chetco Inn.

KING CHILDREN ARE BAPTIZED
Baptized last Sunday in Faith Lutheran church were Ann Marie King, Danny Douglas King, and Clifford Dean King, children of Mr. and Mrs. Billy King of Brookings. The sponsors were Mrs. Ed Lake and Mrs. Wendell Frasier.

Mrs. Tom McKenzie entertained her bridge club Monday evening. Mrs. Ray Pisarek won high and Mrs. Murry Palmer low.

THE BUSINESS SCENE

The latest government survey of business intentions reveals a strikingly level plateau of business spending for new plant and equipment in 1957. First quarter investment expenditures, were estimated at an annual rate of \$36.9 billion, while fourth-quarter capital spending is expected to be at an annual rate of \$37.2 billion.

Third and fourth quarter estimates for new plant and equipment are moderately below initial forecasts. The full year's total of \$37 billion is nevertheless 6% above 1956.

Industry spending for plant and equipment represents only 8-9% of America's Gross National Product, (the total of all good and services produced) Even so, it is one of our most significant economic influences. In the face of a home building slump and declining automobile production last year (and in the first half of 1957) the economy as a whole continued to surge ahead. Most astute observers of the business scene attribute this good showing to the exceptional strength of capital spending.

It will be interesting to see whether plant or equipment costs continue to taper off, or whether they rise again next year. The economic pattern of the past several years has been one of rotating leadership. Consumer spending for autos and other durables in 1955 gave business a strong rallying point. After this sector lost vitality, business investment in capital goods took the fore.

Just such a situation may again be in the making among one of our present business "sleepers". The base seems to be laid for a good year in automobile production, or a better year for home building, or perhaps both in 1958. The three-year automobile sales contracts issued in 1955 will expire next year. Recent loosening of FHA terms may contribute to a better situation in residential construction.

An encouraging note was found in August's home building statistics. According to the Labor Department, housing starts rose to the year's best level. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,010,000 units was the first one-million start month since December.

Because this achievement was made in the face of continued tight credit conditions and an uninspiring economic environment, it must be regarded as noteworthy. A highly constructive corollary consideration is the probability that recent easing of FHA terms may not have had sufficient time to influence housing starts appreciably.

August applications for FHA financial aid to build new houses rose 21% over July, reaching their highest level since the spring of 1956. FHA mortgage aid applications are frequently a portent of housing starts in later months.

The business scene is reviewed weekly by the Research Department of J. Henry Helser & Co. Investment managers, with offices in principal West Coast cities.

CALLED TO FIRE LOOK-OUT

Mrs. Neil (Dana) Lafferty, wife of the local Coos-Curry patrolman, was urgently called to the Bandon area to replace a lookout who had been injured. "Dana" has had some years experience as a lookout. Her place as the local librarian will be filled by Mrs. Dollie Brainard.