

# Plan for Brookings Port Outlined In 1933 by W. J. Ward, Engineer

Brookings—William J. Ward, a graduate civil engineer from Cornell university, in 1933 outlined a plan for improvement of a Brookings-Harbor port.

There was before congress, Ward noted, a bill to provide for a survey and plan of improvement of Brookings port.

In January, 1933, the harbor had already "been carefully surveyed and the soundings taken by sweepings," Ward wrote in a

treasure of his experience and studies of the port and area.

**Rocks Removed**

"During 1916 and 1917," he said, "all rocks in the roadstead on which a depth of 36 feet at low tide was not found, were removed to that depth by blasting." During the summer of 1917, a fine wharf, 1,200 feet long, was constructed into the bay and in all some 350 million feet of lumber and lumber products and many thousands of tons of general freight" had been handled.

He said the lumber and freight was handled "without one cent of damage to ships, cargo or to equipment." The dock still was standing in 1933.

**Breakwater Protection**

Ward wrote that a breakwater, between 2,000 and 3,000 feet long, "will probably be recommended." Protection from such a breakwater, he said, "will permit the construction of many wharves, all that would ever be necessary to care for a city of many thousands; and to dock ships sufficient to supply all of southern Oregon, regularly and safely."

In addition, a small inside harbor "could be made" by "a jetty from the Chetco river," which would confine the river flow and its tidal basin into the area protected by the breakwater.

The plan suggested by Ward would "give . . . an ideal arrangement." Larger ships would dock at the wharves, and smaller vessels would either use the breakwater area or the Chetco river, he said.

"The cost of this work," Ward wrote, "would be low as there are ample quantities of suitable rock readily adjacent to the construction . . . Two or two and a half million dollars would do all the work that the government would be called upon to perform."

**No Additional Cost**

He noted that there would be "no additional cost in yearly dredging or in expensive maintenance. The plan is most feasible and very economical."

To connect Brookings with interior valleys, Ward mentioned possibilities of constructing a railroad eastward along the Chetco river to Tincup creek, where

a tunnel "of some 6,200 feet would penetrate into the waters of the Illinois river at an elevation of not much over 1,200 feet and some forty miles would be furnished in which to make the climb."

Ward lived in Curry county from 1906 until his death in 1938. He was scouting timber and locations for a large lumber and box company, which was then located in St. Louis.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Yvette W.**—I tricked him into marriage.

**Jack W.**—I just can't love and trust her.

**Yvette W.**—I come from the south of France. There I met an American soldier and had an affair with him. I wanted to marry him, but he kept putting it off. Finally, I got desperate and did something very bad.

I tricked him and told him I was pregnant. After we were married I told him the truth.

All that was four years ago. We have been living in this country for more than two years and I love it. We now have a one-year-old son. I have tried to be a good wife and mother and keep a nice home, but my husband says he just cannot love me because of what I did to marry him. He says I did it all to come to America and have an easy life. That's not true. I can't live with him this way. I want to go home to France with the baby, but he won't let me.

**Jack W.**—Naturally, I don't want to lose my son. Besides, I don't believe in divorce. I have tried to make a good home and be fair with her, but she demands something I am unable to give her. She demands my complete love and trust, and she has not earned that by deceiving me. I never deceived her. She knew when we met that I was a soldier and that I had no thought of marriage. I can't help feeling that what she saw in me was a good-natured fool who would provide her with an easier life in America. All the girls there want to marry Americans.

I am not bitter, and I will admit that she has tried to run a good home. But I can't make-believe that her deception didn't ever happen.

**The Council:** Both Yvette and Jack made a bad mistake. Their premarital affair got their marriage off to a bad start, and they must realize that they will have to exercise patience and understanding in building their new life.

Yvette acknowledges her mistakes and she states clearly what she wants—her husband's love or the right to return to her native country.

What does Jack want? He says that he doesn't want to give up his son. He doesn't want the problems or stigma of divorce. And he doesn't want to love and trust Yvette, in other words, to come to terms with married life and accept his full role as a husband.

But what does he want? From his statement it appears that he simply wants to blame Yvette.

"All the girls there want to marry Americans," says Jack righteously and resentfully.

But what about a certain American serviceman, one Jack W., who wanted to have relations with a foreign girl and casually leave her behind?

Who is more to blame? Jack shuns guilt, but his conscience is troubling him. When it bothers him, he prefers to put the blame on Yvette. He is being cowardly and unmanly. He needs to accept his full share of responsibility for the premarital mistake.

Yvette, on the other hand, must realize that she used one of the oldest and most despised tricks to snare her husband. She cannot expect him to treat her as though this never happened. It will take time and patience to live down this deception and prove that she is an honest and worthy wife. She should not demand a showdown but try harder to build a basis for more love and respect from her husband.

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Reprint from Issue of October 20

The results of a preferential poll taken among members of the Jackson County Bar association to determine their opinion on the candidate best qualified for the office of district attorney reflects most favorably on Thomas Reeder, the Democratic nominee.

Mr. Reeder received 36 votes while the incumbent Walter Nunley, candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket, received 15.

The ballot was conducted by secret vote with almost all members of the legal profession in the county sending in their ballots so the result may be accepted as fully representative of the opinion of members of the Jackson County Bar association.

This preferential poll, with its very conclusive bearing on the decision reached by many voters who have not yet made up their minds on how they will vote for district attorney. It indicates that a substantial majority of the members of the legal profession in this county do not believe that Mr. Nunley has done a good job as district attorney and that they feel the office would be better conducted under the direction of Mr. Reeder.

There are, in the bar, as in any profession, groups and cliques and undoubtedly some of the attorneys taking part in the preferential poll have tangled with the district attorney in court. This could account for some opposition to his re-election, but certainly not for the preponderance of opposition shown by the ballot.

Mr. Reeder, who has made several visits to Ashland in behalf of his campaign, has made an excellent impression with those he has called on and he is likely to pick up a good many Republican votes in this end of the county for his evident sincerity impresses those he contacts.



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