



RECEIVES BICYCLE—John Bernau receives a gift slip for a bicycle from Jim Addcox, secretary of the Moose Lodge in Roseburg. The boy's father, Fred Bernau, looks on. The gift slip was presented by the lodge at a Christmas ball of the organization. (Koop's photo).

Leadership Not Dictatorship Plea Of Committee Opposing County Planning Ordinance

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"We are pleading for leadership, not dictatorship from you and your county officials."

This blunt statement by realtor Lloyd Sconce of Roseburg set off a blistering series of blasts against members of the planning commission, building department and sanitary section of the County Health Dept.

The blasts were made by two officers of the Douglas County Citizens Committee during a meeting with Judge Carl Hill and Commissioner Frank Ashley Wednesday.

Sconce claimed T. Claude Baker, senior county sanitarian was "unfit and unsuitable to discharge the duties of sanitarian."

Executive Secretary Mrs. Grant Cross also took up the verbal cudgel against Baker. She said she wanted Baker "removed" for allegedly "pressuring" her to vote for a sewer in the Green area before he would approve a building permit for a garage.

Sconce expanded his scolding from there. "We do not feel any of the men down there (planning commission, building inspectors and sanitarians) are capable to act as leaders," he said. Mrs. Cross interjected: "They have become dictators down there."

Sconce also objected to having nothing to say about the formation of a building code. "As citizens, we have been let down," he said.

With these blasts as preliminaries, the committee handed the judge its recommendations for a new building code. "We are in favor of a building code," Sconce said, "but not the way it will be administered."

The members of the committee had been called in to look over a revised building code ordinance, which had been approved by the court earlier this week.

The committee members refused to acknowledge any value in the revisions. "This is the same thing (as the original ordinances with such small modification, it is negligible," Mrs. Cross said.

In its place, they recommended what they called an "optional lead-

ership program." They said the county building program should be scrapped completely.

In its place they call for a code which would be fashioned after the agricultural county agency program. It would be "an educational program in building and sanitation, freely offered to all rural people."

This "advisory code" would parallel the county agent's work in that "the county agent keeps current in all agricultural advancements and improvements, and this knowledge and his leadership are available to any person requesting same."

"No individual or group will be permitted to use any force," the recommendation states.

Specifically, it is recommended that the ground be cleared for this "advisory code" by junking all acts which created the planning commission and the sanitarian's department.

It also asks dismissal of all advisory and paid personnel from the two as well as from the building department. "It is further recommended that these personnel not be permitted to be employed now or in the future in connection with any building or sanitation program."

In its written statement, the committee says it recommends the "drastic action" because these "voted out" men and the dictatorial, negative planning commission and sanitation department employees have proven themselves incapable of satisfactorily carrying on in their present positions.

Finally, the statement said, a voluntary advisory code, building and sanitation program of "informed, common sense leadership," will be "hailed with gladness by an overwhelming majority."

Judge Carl Hill voiced his personal opposition to such a program tersely: "It's dangerous to have a code with no teeth in it."

A report of the list of fees for construction in the revised building code ordinance reported in Wednesday's News-Review erroneously listed one fee.

The fee for construction of an estimated valuation of from \$500 to \$1,000 is \$2, rather than \$20.

Spanish-American War Veteran Dies Monday

George F. Mazingo died at Veterans Administration Hospital Monday at the age of 77. He was born July 8, 1879, in Virginia, and was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

A niece survives, Mrs. Irene Burkhardt, Pittsburgh, Pa. Graveside funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Roseburg Veterans Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Hempel of the Church of the Nazarene will officiate. The Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements.

MERELY WANTED NAP

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Linwood Elijah, 24, told police Wednesday he merely had wanted to take a nap.

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