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## Timeus Demands Admission Of Error

### Threatens Commissioners With Grand Jury Action

Former Curry county commissioner H. E. "Heck" Timeus threatened county commissioners with grand jury action at a special meeting last Friday afternoon in the new county office building if commissioners Homer Kerber, Ira Tucker and Gene Colegrove refused to admit they had erred in constructing a road into a rock pit on the B. A. "Dot" Martin property near Whales Head Cove north of Brookings.

County commissioner Colegrove answered their threat by telling Timeus to "have fun." Tucker and Kerber also refused to bow to the demand.

Presenting his "case" in the manner of a trial lawyer, the former commissioner-recalled last December and defeated in the recent election—used a pointer and photographs to produce what he termed "incontrovertible proof" that commissioners erred in judgement when they agreed to open the Martin rock pit. In his opening remarks, Timeus urged that animosities be put aside and the evidence listened to, as he "proved" the improper expenditure of county funds.

Timeus' main contention appeared to be that commissioners had opened the road to the rock pit as a ruse to open up a vast amount of private property at county expense... because the county already had a rock available at the D. N. "Pop" Eggers pit close to the same area. He said that because rock was already available from the Eggers pit, the expenditure of around \$6,000 to put a road to the Martin pit and open it was not using good judgement, and he was "fully prepared to go to the grand jury for a solution."

Timeus said he knew many grand jury members and that they would not stand for such action.

County engineer Bruce Shaner told the group of about 30 that the recommendation to change rock pits came from him after consultation and inspection of both pits by him and a State Highway Dept. geologist. He said they both agreed that it would cost the county about the same to open the Martin pit as it would to open a new area of the Eggers pit, around \$6,000. He added, during many interruptions, that rock in both pits was comparable but there was more rock "showing" on the Martin property.

Chairman of the board of Commissioners Ira Tucker pointed out that the county had called for rock bids back in August and that additional rock sources were necessary if the county was to maintain an adequate supply of rock for future requirements. The agreement with Martin is for ten years at 10 cents per yard.

Eggers said he didn't know about the rock bids because he was in the hospital at the time. He said that his "feelings were hurt" because he wasn't notified, but that as far as he was concerned there was "no controversy" over the rock... just over the nine-tenths of a mile of road the county built to the Martin pit.

Dale Martin told the group that the road was not new, but followed an old logging road that had been in use many years. He said it was necessary to improve the road in order to get

### County To Assist In Hatchery Construction

Curry county has entered into an agreement to assist in the construction of a fish hatchery on the south bank of the Chetco River but will have no interest in its operation, chairman of the board of county commissioners Ira Tucker said this week.

According to Tucker, the county has taken 90 day options on two parcels of land for the hatchery site, one with Brookings Plywood for \$1, and one with Fred and May Blunt for \$1,

000. Total cost of both parcels will be about \$22,000.

According to the proposal, the facility will be built by the bureau of commercial fisheries and the county, with the bureau matching dollar for dollar, either money, labor or materials from the county. The completed facility will be operated solely by the fish commission.

Tucker said the original plan was to construct rearing ponds on the Chetco but that the bureau of fisheries wouldn't participate in anything less than a full scale hatchery on a 50-50 basis.

Plans for the facility have been completed by the fish commission and are waiting approval of the bureau of fisheries. Total cost of the hatchery, Tucker said, is around \$400,000. All production is intended to be returned to county streams.

### Commissioners Weekly Report

John Harr, Coordinator for vocational education in Curry County Schools, explained the program to the Board of Commissioners in a recent interview.

In a motion, the Commission reappointed Viola Cuatt, Sixes, Mary Rice, Gold Beach, and Roy Weideman, Brookings, to three year terms ending July 1971, on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The proposal presented by Payne Motor Co., Inc. for two Pontiac Catalina, 4 door sedans was approved by the Board for the sum of \$5,947.72.

A Wednesday morning meeting was called with the Budget Committee, J. C. Moore, Brookings, and James L. Fergus on, Gold Beach, members of the Budget Committee, attended to discuss a supplementary budget with the County Commission.

In a motion the Commission approved the adoption of an agreement between B. A. Martin and Curry County, for a period of ten years, beginning the first day of September, 1968 and expiring September 1, 1978, for rock, at a cost of \$ .10 per cubic yard.

The regular Wednesday afternoon road meeting convened at 1:40 p.m. with Myron Baum, Ler Robinson, Ed Sypher and the Commission members present. Personnel of the road department made a report covering the previous week's activities.

Grading on Gold Beach Port road and City Hill street ready for stabilizing. Man holes are completed with catch basins remaining to be constructed. Slides and culverts in Brookings area being maintained.

Slides on south bank of Chetco will need maintenance.

Patching crew will be moving to Brookings.

Hunters Creek road will need some maintenance and widening.

Hunters Creek Heights road is ready for work with all right of way secured. This road will be prepared for summer paving.

Road from Wedderburn to Roguewoods will be prepared for summer completion.

Tenth Street in Port Orford based in and put in shape for next year's paving.

China Mountain road - maintenance being done.

Crystal creek sign has been removed.

Knapp road culverts have been maintained.

Grader from the north in for repairs and all equipment being winterized.

Mrs. Joe Cubie, residing on Rainbow Rock road in Brookings area, appeared to clarify an agreement pertaining to vacation of old portion of road.

In a motion, the Board of Commissioners approved the proposal from Chetco Motors for a 1969 Dodge Polara 4-door sedan for a total price of \$2,756.15.

The Board approved an advance in salary for Lois Eileen Webley, who has satisfactorily completed a six month probationary period and for certain other Road Department employees.

The Board of County Commissioners and members from the road department were invited by U. S. Plywood to participate in a panel discussion at the Timber Operators meeting.

### School Boundary Threatens Commissioners Vote Monday

An election involving all voters in the Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ will be held Monday, Nov. 25, to determine if the northernmost portion of the district, located in Coos County, shall be released from 2CJ to become a part of Bandon School District 54.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Langlois primary (elementary) school and at the Port Orford elementary school, according to the office of Ray Neugart, Curry County Intermediate Education clerk.

The affected area includes that area from Laurel Grove south to the Curry County line, and involves approximately 80 elementary youngsters and 20 to 25 high school students, according to the IED office.

A group of taxpayers from the Laurel Grove-Four Mile area circulated petitions last year in an effort to join the Bandon School District.

Later, a remonstrance was filed with the Curry IED office, making Monday's election necessary.

### Address Change Notice A Must

The Department of Motor Vehicles has a problem with people who fail to notify it of a change of address.

Vern L. Hill, director of the department, today urged Oregon drivers and car owners to comply with the law which requires them to notify in writing the DMV within 30 days after the change of address.

Compliance with the law, Hill said, will help insure that owners and drivers are reminded to renew their licenses as well as help cut operating costs in the licensing agency.

The Department, which must be one of the post office's best Oregon customers, mails approximately 80,000 passenger car renewal reminders and about 40,000 driver license renewal reminders each month.

About 1700 notices are returned each week which the post office cannot deliver because people have moved and left no forwarding address and have not notified the department of the move.

Hill said the post office department also forwards about 7,000 notices a month. These are to people who have left forwarding addresses with the post office, but have not changed their addresses on DMV records, Hill said.

Failure to notify the department of a change of address is a misdemeanor and is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

The Department hopes more people will comply voluntarily, rather than run the risk of a citation and fine.

### Post Office Gets Award

Post master Norm Baker said this week that for the third straight year his post office has received a special award for 100 per cent participation in the Savings Bond program.

In making the 1968 presentation, James J. Symbol, Regional Director, Seattle, said "I congratulate you and thank you and the employees of your post office for your patriotic support of this worthy program. Through your purchase of Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares, you help build a stronger American and further the cause of free people throughout the world."

### To Speak On Blue Cross

Gene Manley, Group Representative from Blue Cross will speak to teachers and employees of School District 2CJ Monday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific high school library.

The meeting is sponsored by the Oregon School Employees Association of District 2CJ and all teachers and employees are welcome to attend.

### Alice Thage Dies

Word was received here this week that Mrs. Herb (Alice) Thage passed away in a San Francisco hospital Sunday morning following a long illness.

She and her husband operated Thage Motel here for six years.

Funeral services were held in San Francisco Tuesday.

### State Receives Federal Grants

WASHINGTON (Special)—Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore) today announced government grants of more than \$200,000 for health and welfare in Oregon.

The money will be sent to Oregon from the federal treasury, Hatfield said, under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Federal grants include \$89,641 to the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission's public assistance division, Salem, for social work; \$26,913 to the Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, for an irradiation therapy unit; \$71,158 to the Oregon State Board of Health, Portland, for state-wide expansion of tuberculosis outpatient service; and \$5,472 to the University of Oregon, Eugene, for study of mental retardation.

A grant of \$5,000 will go to the University of Portland, Portland, for a mental retardation trainee; and \$9,500 will be given to the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, also for training people to care for persons mentally retarded.



PROBABLY the largest sign in the city went up last week at Pacific Super Market. The sign is designed to carry current specials at the store, besides the store name. In addition, said store owner Jim Peterson, we will use the sign as a community bulletin board as much as is possible. The message now carried announces the coming Christmas Bazaar set for December 3.

### Shrimp Take Tops Record; Port Orford High Bed

Forty-one shrimp boats fishing off the Oregon coast landed a record-high 11 million pounds plus in Oregon ports this year, according to the Oregon Fish Commission.

Last year's 10.4 million pounds had topped all previous marks by a substantial margin, but from reports tallied to date, the 1967 total has already been bettered by half a million pounds. During the past ten years, the annual average number of pounds taken from Oregon waters has been only 3.5 million.

According to Jack Robinson, biologist in charge of monitoring the shrimp fishery, landings might have gone even higher this year except for interruptions of bad weather throughout the season and a cost-price squeeze in May, June and July.

Shrimp beds are typically the green mud bottoms from 4 to 20 miles off the coast. Beds off northern Oregon and in the vicinity of Coos Bay have been especially productive over the past ten years.

This year, however, the Port Orford bed stole the limelight, setting a new catch-per-effort record for the Pacific coast exclusive of Alaska.

Coos Bay accounted for more than 4 million pounds, making it high port for the year. Astoria landings totaled 2.3 million and Port Orford, 1.3 million pounds. Landings at Newport, partly from a bed located during a Fish Commission shrimp cruise in the spring of 1966, totaled 2 million pounds. Other significant shrimp beds are offshore in the vicinity of Brookings and Garibaldi.

An exceptionally strong 1966 year class, which comprised well over 60 percent of this year's total catch, was the major contributing factor to the record season.

### Board Thanks Ballot Defeat

The Oregon Education Association Board of Trustees today expressed their gratitude to the citizens of Oregon for defeating Ballot Measure No. 7—the 1 1/2% property tax limitation.

The 20-member OEA Board, representing 21,000 OEA members, in a statement released at a Portland press conference said, "We are extremely gratified that Oregonians have seen fit to maintain full support of school programs and other governmental services."

Ken Erickson, president, said that his organization recognizes there is an urgent need for property tax relief. He pledged the services of all officers and staff members to work for a revised tax program at the 1969 Legislature.

"Oregonians for too long a period of time have been supporting local government with the property tax—a tax that never was intended to carry such a load."

"We sincerely hope that the Legislature has not misread the results of Ballot Measure No. 7. We feel Oregonians have indicated that they want quality education but they would like to see the tax base broadened to support such programs," Erickson emphasized.

### Fair Board Post Filled

Mrs. Don (Dolly) Bjerg of Langlois was recently appointed as the fifth member of the Curry county fair board, bringing the board to full complement, fair manager Bill Crook said today.

Last week the board agreed to complete the kitchen in the new building and Monday representatives of county granges, Emblem Club, and restaurants met with the board to make final decision on equipment and furnishings, estimated at a total completion cost of around \$13,000.

The kitchen is expected to be finished the first week in December and get its first use on December 5, with a Community Bazaar sponsored by 15 churches and clubs in the central Curry area.

Crook added that when the floor sealing is completed the building will be ready for full scale use.

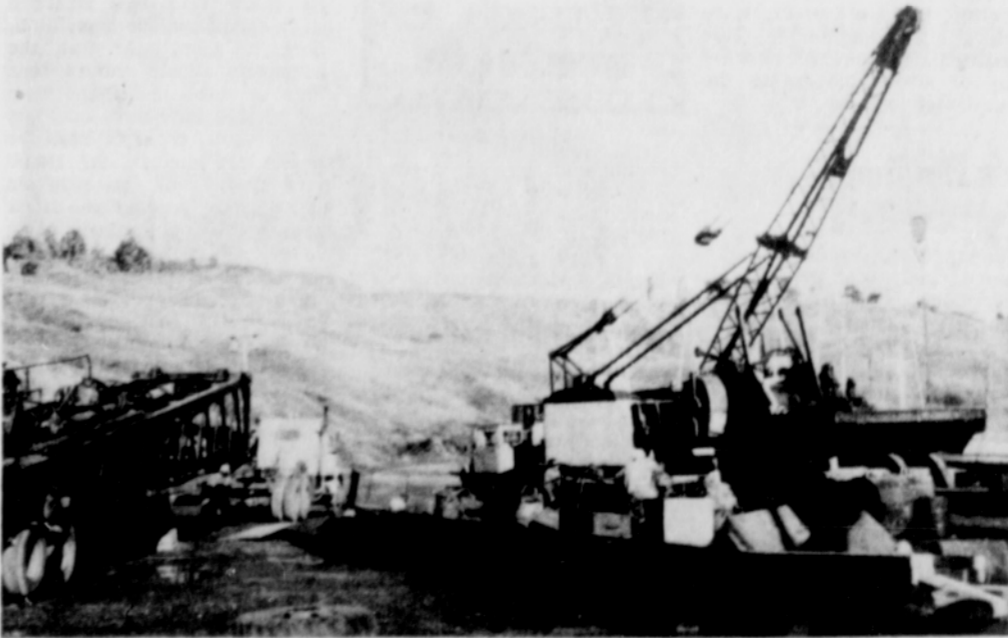
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Birthday wishes go out this week to Mike Furet, Jim Goheen, Shellie Peterson, Minnie King, Ima Strahan, Charlie Jensen, Shari Beasley, Julie Meyer, Cindy Peabody, Mary Jane Peterson and David Knapp.

Anniversary wishes go to M. and Mrs. Gerald Kamp, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meade.

### Early Paper

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday next Thursday, the Port Orford News will be mailed one day early to subscribers, on Wednesday. Therefore, all news and advertising should be in the office not later than Monday noon, November 25.



WORK was completed on tearing down the huge Lima crane used to construct the local breakwater last week and the machine was shipped to Portland, according to a member of the moving crew.

### Deposits Up Loans Down

In response to the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency's quarterly statement of condition call, First National Bank of Oregon has released deposit and loan figures which exceed those for any comparable date in the bank's 103-year history.

President Ralph J. Voss announced record high deposits of \$1,522,930,359 and loans of \$994,225,959 were listed Oct. 30, the official call date. These figures represent increases of nearly \$144 million in deposits and \$128 million in loans over the previous third-quarter call on Oct. 4 of last year.

Total resources of the state's largest bank climbed some \$196 million to a new third-quarter high of \$1,748,230,416.

The Port Orford branch reported deposits of \$3,011,953 and loans of \$587,416 as of Oct. 30, according to G. B. Rush, manager.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$2,854,413 in deposits and \$1,076,420 in loans.

Skidding is a major contributing factor in one out of every four traffic accidents, warns the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

WEATHER			
Date	Max	Min	Rain
Nov 13	55	39	.35
Nov 14	50	39	.58
Nov 15	56	40	.31
Nov 16	No report		
Nov 17	57	36	.65
Nov 18	60	50	.81
Nov 19	58	51	.01