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Citizens of Siletz and Southside Appeal to Voters of County to Support Bridge Building Bonds

**AT MEETING HELD IN COURT HOUSE MONDAY AFTERNOON
SPEAKERS TELL OF HARDSHIPS ENDURED BY FARMERS
OF SOUTHSIDE DUE TO LACK OF BRIDGE; SILETZ
BRIDGES WASHED OUT DURING HIGH WATER.**

**REPORTED MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO USE OF MONEY
PROVIDED SHOULD BRIDGE ISSUES CARRY FULLY EX-
PLAINED IN OPEN LETTER BY ATTORNEY; COURT
ADOPTS BRIDGE RESOLUTION EXPLAINING POSITION.**

At a meeting held in the County Court house Monday afternoon which was attended by some 50 citizens of Siletz, the Southside and Toledo, reasons why the bonds should carry for the building of "permanent roads," as designated on the ballots, were told by the people who have been put to great hardships because of lack of bridge facilities in their respective localities. The bonds to build the bridges will be voted on at the polls next Friday when the electors of Lincoln county will decide whether or not they will be issued. One, a \$93,000 issue, for the purpose of rebuilding the bridges that were washed out last fall on the Siletz river. The other, a \$40,000 issue, for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Yaquina river. The Yaquina river bridge is to be built in order to give the people of the Southside an outlet to market, their only outlet now being by boat.

Hardships Endured.

Many hardships are being endured in the Siletz valley because of the lack of bridges, according to several citizens of that section who spoke at the meeting. The only means of transportation at the present time across the river is by boat. Another feature which makes their isolation almost unbearable is the fact that only one automobile is on this side of the river and that is being used for the transportation of mail. This car is also the only means of transportation for hauling people to and from Siletz, all other cars and teams being marooned on the opposite side of the river.

Appeal for Southside.

The farmers on the south side of the river were present in strength at the meeting and their appeal for support in the building of a bridge across the Yaquina river, in order that they might have an outlet to market and also to make their community a more desirable place in which to live, seemed to be a just cause for the expenditure of money for building a bridge and, although many spoke of the disadvantages experienced by the farmers of the south side, the appeal of Mrs. J. W. Harrison, plainly showed how the Southsiders are handicapped.

"I understand there is some opposition in certain parts of the county to spending \$40,000 for the building of a bridge over the Yaquina River," stated Mrs. Harrison. "I cannot understand," she stated further, "how any one, knowing the hardships and handicaps we have endured in order to get our produce to market and also to get in touch with the outside world, can vote against the issuance of bonds to build this bridge. God knows we need it and no community in Lincoln County is more entitled to a little consideration than we are. The price of this bridge will not increase the taxes enough so that anyone will notice it while the building of the bridge will be a godsend to every human being that lives on the opposite side of the river. I have had to buck the tide in a row boat many times in order to come to town and purchase the necessities of life and dispose of whatever products I have to sell. On most of these trips I was not physically able to handle the oars but was compelled to do so. My experience is only one among many. My home is near the edge of the river, while some of the farmers are compelled to drive miles to their boat and then transfer their produce to the boat, leave their team, and row to town. "I know that the people of Siletz are in need of bridges and, although we of the south side will not reap any benefits from them, nevertheless I believe they will be to a man for the Siletz bridge bonds because they know what it means to be without a bridge. If the good people of the county really know how sadly we are in need of this bridge, I am certain there would not be a dissenting vote. Although, at my age, I may never expect to have use of the new bridge for many years, if it is built, nevertheless we have a coming generation on the south side who should certainly not be asked to endure the hardships that have been experienced by the older settlers."

Ballots Misleading.

There has been some question among voters as to whether the bonds if voted would be used for the actual building of bridges, the election notices and ballots stating that the bonds are being issued for the building of "permanent roads." In answer to this misunderstanding Attorney McCluskey has prepared an open letter to the voters, explaining the Oregon state law, regarding the building of bridges. His letter is as follows:

ATTORNEY MCCLUSKEY EXPLAINS LAW ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

State Law Makes No Provisions For Bridge Construction; Ballots Read: "For Construction of Permanent Roads"; Money to Be Expended Entirely for Rebuilding Bridges in Siletz and Construction of New Bridge Over Yaquina River.

Toledo, Oregon, May 10th, 1922.

To the Voters of Lincoln County: I have been asked to explain through the county newspapers certain features of the Road Bonding Laws applicable to the measures to be submitted to the voters of Lincoln County at coming Primary election.

You will have the opportunity of voting for or against two bonding propositions—one for the issuance of \$93,000 and the other for the issuance of \$40,000, in bonds of the County. In all the proceedings relative to these two propositions, this money is to be expended in the "construction of permanent roads" and no mention of the construction of bridges is made anywhere.

Now it is a fact that every cent will be spent in the construction of bridges and this is the only reason that the bonds are to be issued. The \$93,000 will be expended wholly in the construction of the bridges washed out and destroyed by the high water last November and the proceeds of the \$40,000 proposition will be used only in the construction of a bridge across the Yaquina River at Toledo. These propositions are entirely separate and on separate ballots. Now then why do the proceedings state that this money is to be expended in permanent road construction and not for bridge construction? The answer is that there is no provision of the law for the issuance of bonds for the construction of bridges and in as much as the law states that bridges are included in and a part of the public highways which is also the holding our Supreme Court, the only procedure possible is under the law for providing funds for permanent road construction. There is no question as to the legality of this proceeding as it has been passed.

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Primary Election Will Be Held on Friday, the 19th

**Many Important Questions Also
Submitted to Voters Including
Recall of Two Officials and
Voting of Bridge Bonds.**

The voters of Lincoln County and the State of Oregon will exercise their right of suffrage at the polls next Friday, May 19, when they will decide what particular candidates shall represent their respective parties for the state election next November. Besides the choosing of their favorite candidates the voters will also decide the fate of two members of the Oregon State Public Service Commission, petitions having been filed for the recall of Fred A. Williams and Fred C. Buchtel. Separate ballots will be used in the case of each of these men in that the voters of the entire state will pass on the question of recalling of Mr. Williams while the voters west of the Cascade mountains will act upon the recalling of Mr. Buchtel. The petitions filed charge that these men have failed to perform their official duties in regards to lessening the burdens of the public. On each ballot reasons for the recalling and also reasons why the recall should not be used are explained by both sides in the controversy. The voters of Lincoln County will vote on both men.

Another proposition that is creating considerable interest and that will be decided at the polls next Friday is whether the bridge bonds for the building of bridges over the Siletz river and one over the Yaquina river will be voted.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kind acts and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our daughter and sister. We are also grateful for the beautiful floral offerings.

P. W. CARSON AND FAMILY.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS JERSEY OWNERS

Jersey Calf Club Completes Organization With 20 Members; Car Load of Jersey Calves Distributed.

Celebrating the event with a parade of their calves down the Main Street of the County Seat last Saturday, the 20 members of the Lincoln County Jersey Calf Club completed their organization, received their calves and went home a happy lot. The formation of the Calf Club here is the result of the cooperative activities of a lot of interested forces; as was well expressed by the County Agent Saturday when the calf club members with their calves lined up in front of the Lincoln County Bank for a picture.

"You see here," said Mr. Cooter, "for the first time, the newly organized Lincoln County Jersey Calf Club, composed of 20 Lincoln County boys and girls each holding their own registered Jersey Calf." He continued, "It is interesting to note from whence this club came, and who made it possible. In the first place, Boys' and Girls' Club Work is not new, but is an organization of the boys and girls, future farmers of our county, assisted and directed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, functioning through the Extension Service of the agricultural colleges. The individual clubs, as for instance our Club here, are brought into existence by various forces. You see here the people who have made possible this club; the Lincoln County Jersey Calf Club, represented by its president, Mr. Hulbert who is also the club advisor to these boys and girls and has been very active in helping to get the club organized; the Lincoln County Farm Bureau represented by Mr. Hartley put on its program this year the organization of two calf clubs; the Extension Service of O. A. C. is represented here today by Professor H. C. Seymour; the State Club Leader, and myself; the Lincoln County Bank has had a big hand in making this club possible as through its president, Mr. Hawkins, it financed the purchase of these calves. Just behind these boys and girls who see their parents whose wholesome cooperation is essential to the success of the project."

The calves received by the boys and girls were secured from valley breeders having been selected by a committee consisting of Professor E. B. Pitts, of O. A. C., W. S. Stokes of Yaquina, and the County Agent. Most of the calves are direct descendants of Gold Medal bulls and Gold Medal cows, many of them related to a number of the World's champion Jerseys. The calves cost from \$60 for small calves to \$150 for bred heifers.

The American Jersey Cattle Club offers prize money to the amount of \$75 to the first 33 Clubs with a membership of 20, and immediately following the completion of the Club or organization County Agent Cooter wired the American Jersey Cattle Club that the Lincoln County Jersey Calf Club had qualified. It is expected by those who are interested in the Club to extend the organization until there will be calf club members in practically every community of the County. Any boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 19 who would like to become a calf club member, should write to Mr. L. A. Hulbert, Toledo, or to the County Agent. Following is the list of the charter members of the Club:

Sidney Pruner of Yaquina, president; Pauline Brigham of Toledo, secretary; other members are Donald Stokes, William Stokes, Jennette Stokes, Annabelle Stokes of Yaquina, James Tindall, Gordon Williams, Morris Johnson, Vance Airee, Gerald Anderson, John Blies, Dorothy Tindall, Mildred Johnson, Clarence Rust, Carl Rust, Jesse Martin, Lottie Langley and Harriet Williams of Toledo. L. A. Hulbert of Toledo is club advisor.

COOTER AND SPERLING LEASE PENNOCK FARM

Mr. J. E. Cooter, local county Farm Bureau agent, has taken a five-year lease on the John Pennock dairy farm, 1 mile north of Toledo, and has secured as operating partner, B. W. Sperling.

It is the intention of Messrs. Cooter and Sperling to build up one of the finest purebred Registered Jersey dairy herds in this state.

JOHN PENNOCK TO BUILD MODERN DAIRY BARN

Mr. John Pennock, whose ranch is located 1 mile north of town will soon start the construction of a large modern dairy barn, the gravel and sand to be used in the construction of the structure is being dumped after having been shipped from Corvallis.

LIBERTY THEATRE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

The Liberty Theatre in the I. O. O. F. building will open for business next week, according to H. G. Wolf, manager. The chairs for the new movie house are now being installed. Mr. Wolfe stated that while his show will be a movie theatre he will engage vaudeville shows whenever it is possible to date good ones.

LOCAL ELKS TO STAGE VAUDEVILLE SHOW SUNDAY EVENING

Electing the Queen for the Elks Golden Jubilee to be held in Portland May 15 to 22 is being reflected in activity of local Standard Oil Boys as they will support the Standard Oil candidate for the honor, Miss Beatrice Handaki.

In order to get as many votes as possible for the young lady here the Standard Oil boys will stage a vaudeville show Sunday evening at the Liberty Theatre. E. A. Harvey, local manager, stated that the program would be an excellent one, the cast of characters being made up of talent from Siletz, Toledo and Newport. Music by local orchestra.

According to Mr. Harvey, the young lady that is fortunate enough to be chosen queen of the Elks Carnival, will also win a prize of a \$5000 automobile. Miss Handaki has volunteered that if she is fortunate enough to win the queen contest she will turn the car into money and donate the entire amount to charitable purposes.

Contract Let for Building Bridge On Siletz River

Bridge Will Replace Steel Structure Washed Out by High Water in That Section Last Fall.

One of the main issues to come before the County Court at its session here this week was the letting of a contract for the construction of a 190-foot span steel bridge to be constructed over the Siletz river between Toledo and the town of Siletz at an approximate cost of \$17,165.

Monsen & Treweller of Portland were the lucky bidders for the construction of the bridge, the above named sum being the amount of their bid.

Will Start at Once. According to the terms of the contract construction work will start immediately and the bridge is to be ready for traffic by the latter part of August, this year.

The people of Siletz, according to statements of citizens of that section, are practically shut off from the outside, due to the fact that high water of last fall washed out all bridges in that section. The only means of transportation across the river at the present time is by boat.

TOLEDO STUDENTS MAKING HEADWAY AT CORVALLIS COLLEGE

J. R. Dickson of Toledo, a junior in Civil Engineering at the Oregon Agricultural College, was elected to Sigma Tau, a national honorary engineering fraternity. Election to Sigma Tau is considered the highest honors given a man by his fellow students. Requisites for membership are scholarship, sociability, and practical ability. For the three years that Mr. Dickson has attended the institution his average grade has been more than 90 per cent. Mr. Dickson is also a member of the Sigma Gamma fraternity. During the World War Mr. Dickson served in England with the 63rd Aero squadron. September 15, 1920, he was married in Portland to Miss Helen Martinson whose father owns a large stock and dairy farm at Tidewater, Oregon.

Charles Gildersleeve, Toledo, senior in civil engineering, is a member of Lambda Phi Lambda, a local honorary engineering fraternity. Mr. Gildersleeve spent his first year of college at the University of California before the recent war with Germany. During the war Mr. Gildersleeve was a first class electrician in the navy. He is now a member of the Sigma Gamma fraternity.

Terrance Gaither is a member of the Delta Nu fraternity and a senior in commerce.

Miss Thelma Fowler is one of 17 students at the institution 16 years old. Miss Fowler is registered in a degree course in commerce. Her picture was in the last Sunday Oregon Journal as one of the beauties from Toledo.

Erling Braugi is a member of the Kappa Psi fraternity, and is a junior in a degree course in pharmacy. James Derrick is a freshman in chemical engineering. Zadok Thayer is a freshman registered in a degree course in electrical engineering.

\$65,000 LAND DEAL AT NASHVILLE

Word comes from Nashville, Ore., to this office stating that the large farm owned by Mrs. Troch of Vancouver and W. H. Martin of Nashville, has recently been sold at a consideration of \$65,000. It is understood that the new operators will take possession this fall. We did not learn who the purchasers were.

ARMY STORE OPENS HERE

I. H. Sroat, traveling auditor for the United Army Stores, is a business visitor in the city, and has arranged for the opening of a branch store in this city, according to his statement. The store will be opened in the hotel building.

REGISTERED SHORTHORNS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Not to be outdone by the Jersey people, who arranges for a consignment sale here of purebred Jerseys last July, the Shorthorn people, in cooperation with the local agent's office, have made arrangements with W. H. Locke of Corvallis, to bring in his 25 head of registered Durhams and disperse them at public sale some time in June. Further announcements relative to this sale will be made through these columns later.

NASHVILLE MAN MAY GET BRIDGE CONTRACT

Otis Hamar of Nashville was the low bidder on the building of a county wagon bridge across the Yaquina river at Pioneer, his bid being \$1931. This is a 72 foot span wood bridge. The Court will not let the contract for this work until after the election next Friday, as it depends upon whether the people vote the necessary bonds as to whether the county will have money to carry out the rebuilding of the bridges in the county.

PRESIDENT PORT COMMISSIONERS STRONG FOR BOAT

J. W. Parrish Takes Rap at Chamber of Commerce Officials for Seeming Opposition to Purchase of Boat.

Claims That Purchase Would Not Increase Burden of Taxpayer but Would Be Great Asset for Development.

Port of Toledo, Toledo, Ore., May 10. To the Editor of the Lincoln County Leader:

On behalf of the Port Commission of the Port of Toledo I deem it my duty to correct some of the incorrect reports that are being and that have been circulated in this Port District. Reports concerning the purchase of a boat by the Port of Toledo that are misleading and unfair.

First, I wish to pay my respects to the Toledo Chamber of Commerce. While I have not read its constitution and by-laws to know what its objects and purposes are, still, from the name I would presume that its main objects are first to aid and assist in securing and developing commerce on the Yaquina Bay, and second, to aid and assist in the development of the resources of Lincoln County. I have no knowledge that it is now making or ever has made an effort to get a boat to come to this Port to carry the products of the local mills to market via water transportation. There is this exception, Lieut. Patterson stated that he had written to ex-governor Chamberlain, of the Shipping Board, about a Government boat, and which he reported was too large to meet our conditions.

Now for example, let us take the Roberts saw mill. There is \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 invested in this plant and when operated continuously furnishes a living for at least 100 loggers and mill men, many of them having families. When operated full time is a valuable asset to the community and just so with all of our manufacturing plants. And, if not operated these plants might just as well not be here so far as being of value to the community.

Now I wish to ask the Chamber of Commerce what it is doing to keep these mills running. If it is not doing this then in my judgment it is falling short of its mission.

I had the pleasure of attending the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce called for the purpose of discussing the proposition of the Port buying a boat. I expected to hear a fair and impartial discussion of the matter and it is putting it mildly when I say that I was sorely disappointed. Disappointed, because in a community where all the people should work together for the development of the resources and the upbuilding of Lincoln County I found the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce controlled by strong personal bias.

We all know that the freight rates on the railroad are excessive and a barrier to the development of the county and the only real remedy for this is water transportation. The Port of Toledo has expended approximately \$456,000.00 in harbor and channel improvements. The Port initiated the project for a channel of sixteen feet at lower low water and two hundred feet in width on straightaways and two hundred fifty feet on the curves. The War Department Engineers in Portland reported adversely on the project on the grounds that there was not enough commerce on the river to justify the expenditure. The Port Commission then appealed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington, D. C. The Commission secured all of the data that it could and submitted it to the Board. A hearing was had and the project was referred back to the Portland office. There it is being held in abeyance, awaiting the development of enough commerce on the Yaquina river.

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TO THE CITIZENS AND ELECTORS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

As the business of my office claims my attention, and I am better able to serve your interests here, I have not seen the majority of people on behalf of my candidacy for sheriff, so take this means of soliciting your patronage at the polls, May 19, 1922. I am out for the job for reason that I need it and feel if elected can assure you of a clean and consistent enforcement of all laws, with a practice of efficiency and economy in each department of my office.

M. SIMPSON.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON FOUR NEW HOUSES

The contractors are starting the laying of foundations on four more new houses being put up by the Toledo Development Co., on Run Bottom and the work will be rushed to completion to accommodate families coming into Toledo. This will make 16 bungalows, now being practically completed.

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