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LAMPA HILL ROAD

Restored to Market Road Map With County Court's Approval

There were over sixty in attendance at the Good Roads Association meeting in the hotel last Friday evening, who sat down to dinner, and the number was doubled by the time the meeting got down to business.

All sections of the county were represented, especially Bandon, Myrtle Point, and the Cooper bridge district, all of whom were vitally interested in the matters to come up.

Before giving a short story of that harmonious meeting, we will say that Judge Mast, speaking for the county court, agreed to the state highway commission's suggestion Tuesday that the Lampa hill road be re-placed on the market road map with the definite understanding that there would be no funds spent on its improvement for several years.

As to the abandonment of the Cooper bridge market road, the commission and the market road engineer supported the action of the county court and refused to interfere with the changing of the Myrtle Point-Gravel Ford-Sitkum route.

President Jas. T. Brand presided at the session of the association Friday night, and he kept things moving so rapidly that adjournment was taken soon after nine o'clock.

The first and only business considered by the meeting was the report of the committee named to recommend a market and county road program.

This report was to the effect that the Myrtle Point-Sitkum market road be retained on its present route, that the road to Powers be extended two miles above that town, that a new project out from Hauser be inaugurated, another one also in the Bridge section, that the Catching Slough road be extended to Sumner and that the Flattrap-Lampa hill road be restored to the market road map.

No one opposed the adoption of this report and it was unanimously approved by the meeting.

L. C. Coleman, who has lived for 30 years in an isolated section near North Slough, stated that they had no roads up there, no telephone, no mail and he thought they were entitled to a road.

"When I take beef to market it is worn out by the time I reach Marshfield," was his concluding statement as to the difficulties encountered in getting to town.

J. D. Laird, of Sitkum, who has sought these many years to have the old Coos Bay Wagon Road improved, providing direct road from Brewster Valley to Marshfield, said after hearing Mr. Coleman, "Since hearing Mr. Coleman's speech I don't believe we are suffering very much in my section," but he still maintained that the road between Sumner and Fairview should be built, "but we are willing to wait our turn," was his concluding remark.

Judge Mast took the floor and in a very direct and outspoken manner told why the county court had taken the position it has on road matters. The court is now trying to build arteries, not laterals. Laterals should wait till Mr. Coleman and others so situated are cared for. The Lampa hill road is not more than two or three miles at any point from the Roosevelt Highway and is very little shorter than will be the market road connection from Flattrap to Fat Elk, between Flattrap and Bandon.

Moreover the Lampa hill road, with the lighter market road construction, would not stand up to heavy trucking as does the highway, and the steeper grades would eliminate it as a freight artery.

The proper place for roads the judge continued, was along lines of least resistance and that was the program the court was following—building along the water courses.

The court plans to carry out the county's extensive market road program as rapidly as funds are available, but its members believe that in fairness, neither the Good Roads Association, nor anyone else, should ask for duplication by paralleling roads now being used.

Another thing which the county court has to resist, said Judge Mast, is government by committees. Delegations constantly besiege the court to spend money on projects in which

they are interested, "and then they go home and holler about high taxes."

Commissioner Jas. T. Jenkins, the new member of the county court, made the last talk of the evening. He thought such meetings as this one, where differences could be discussed were good, but he didn't believe the people generally knew what the county court had to contend. He didn't until he became a member.

As to the Lampa hill road he had not been in favor of taking it off the market road map, but he stood firmly with Judge Mast against spending any money on it for some time to come.

There were many others who spoke during the meeting. H. G. Kern and J. E. Norton, in particular, believed that the county court had taken a sound position on road matters and were opposed to hampering them in the road program.

To Start Guild Home

Ground will be broken for the erection of St. James' Parish House on the lot adjoining the church by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, D. D., Saturday morning, Dec. 12th, at 11 o'clock at which every one is cordially invited to be present.

NEW HOMES ON SECOND

There is not another residence street in Coquille which shows so much change during the past four or five years as does Second street. New houses there are more numerous than the old ones.

Beginning at the M. E. Church South, there are the three S. M. Nosler built a few years ago, the two E. W. Gregg built just east of the M. E. church, the two E. C. Church built this year, the Ray Joub home, the Johnson residence, occupied by Nels Omsundson, the new E. D. Webb home, and the L. A. Parr house, occupied by Homer Gant.

Besides these there are six now in the course of construction. One is the house E. W. Gregg started across from the Thrift place, then there is the handsome new house of Dr. C. A. Reitman nearing completion, and the E. N. Wilson two story home across the street from it.

A couple of blocks up the street, Mr. Gregg is now building three frame houses for W. H. Mansell, just west of the W. W. Gage home. Two of them are five-room cottages with bath, and the other four room, with breakfast nook and bath. Both of them will make very comfortable homes.

Over a block to the south H. E. Shelby & Son are building a new house for John E. Ross.

Second street is not the only one in Coquille that is being adorned with new homes but it leads in point of numbers.

C. A. Smith Funeral Today

Marshfield, which C. A. Smith, former head of the Coos Bay Lumber company who died Wednesday, did so much to develop during his lifetime, will honor his memory today at the time funeral services are being held in Berkeley.

The Coos Bay and Western Lumber companies will be closed all day and all stores will close from 2 to 3 o'clock this afternoon, the association announced today.

In addition to his interest in Coos Bay, Mr. Smith rendered great service to his adopted land during the late war.

At the outbreak of the World War Mr. Smith offered his entire plant to the government on its own terms and sold to the government his best steamer, the "Nan Smith," which was used in the transportation service and was sunk in the English channel by a German submarine. Both of Mr. Smith's sons, Vernon A. Smith and Carroll W. Smith, served in the war.

—News.

Genevieve Chase Honored

Genevieve Chase wired in Thursday evening to her mother that she had just been appointed delegate to the national Interdenominational Student Conference to be held at Evansville, Ill., during the Christmas holidays. Miss Chase will spend one week of the holidays at home, leaving for the conference on Christmas morning to be gone two weeks. She will be accompanied by one other delegate from Eugene.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

CITY'S FINANCES EXTEND MAINS?

O. C. Sanford Reports to Council on Budget and Water for Fiscal Year

City Treasurer Sanford filed a report with the city council Monday evening showing that the city budget for the fiscal year, ending Nov. 30, is in the red \$683.02.

Loss on income contemplated for the year was \$135.95, and the net loss on estimated expenditures was \$547.07—that is to say, the expenses aggregated more than was anticipated a year ago.

Mr. Sanford also submitted the following report on the water system for the fiscal year, as follows:

Month	Collections
Dec., 1924	\$ 996.40
Jan., 1925	1,080.06
February	1,029.85
March	1,070.80
April	1,022.85
May	1,037.85
June	1,178.50
July	1,238.70
August	1,155.35
September	1,051.80
October	1,066.15
November	1,050.00

Total collections \$12,972.55
Transfer from Gen. Fund 1,000.00
Miscellaneous 15.00

Total 13,987.55

Category	Expenditures
Salaries of Officers	\$ 2,600.00
Pipe and Supplies	651.21
Labor	532.50
Fire hose	390.00
Purchase of land	100.00
Miscellaneous	67.77

General expense for year \$ 4,241.58
Refund on meter deposits 120.00
Refund of users deposits 65.00

Total \$ 4,426.58

Int. Bonds, Ser. B	\$420.00
Int. Bonds, Ser. C	1,050.00
Int. Bonds, Ser. D	1,650.00
Int. Bonds, Ser. E	1,100.00
Bonds redeemed, Series B	4,000.00
Total expended	\$12,646.58
Cash balance Nov. 30, 1925	\$3817.97

—News.

Bishop Sumner Here

Bishop Walter T. Sumner, who spoke at the Episcopal church last Sunday evening, was listened to attentively by an audience which filled the church.

The subject on which he spoke was the close fellowship and relationship between religion and science. For the newspaper controversy between the modernists and the fundamentalists he had no time whatever, for the church does not recognize that there is any controversy.

One point in his discourse, which he only touched upon, was the youth of this country, and the failure of parents to recognize their responsibilities toward their children. He said that of the hundred or more speakers he heard at the church convention in New Orleans, from which he had just returned, not one of them but that referred somewhere in his remarks, no matter what subject he was discussing, to the need of proper attention to the upbringing of children.

It is a matter to which newspapers, magazines and the clergy are devoting much thought and attention, and the trend of this civilization must about face if this nation is to retain its preeminent position in world affairs, or even hold its own.

Herron Heads V. F. W.

Coquille Valley Post No. 1412, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was installed here last Saturday night and 29 charter members initiated. This is only about a third of the number who have signed applications in the valley and the new post will hold initiations here and at Myrtle Point to initiate the others.

There were about forty in attendance Saturday night and a fine time was enjoyed by all. A bounteous repast followed the work.

The officers elected and appointed thus far are:

- Commander—W. L. Herron.
- Senior Vice Commander—Alton Grimes.
- Junior Vice Commander—Dr. F. M. Drake.
- Officer of the Day—W. W. Lane.
- Adjutant—Perry E. Lawrence.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

Council to Consider Increased Water Service at Next Session

The matter of extending water mains came up at the session of the city council, the principal extensions considered being out in the old academy sections and to the Masonic cemetery district. From the high school it would require over 2000 feet of main to serve the cemetery, the Wimer auto camp and the other houses nearby, and it is doubtful that the council will approve the extension of the line unless the property owners there are willing to help substantially in its installation. The water committee last in which campers will be permitted ready for the next council session—Dec. 21.

The Park Commission report was read in which they gave as their consensus of opinion that the Myrtle Grove be not sold, but retained as a city park and civic center, and that its use as an auto park be discontinued.

This latter part is in line with the opinions of Mayor Johnson and several of the councilmen and it is altogether likely that this year has been mittes was asked to have recommended to use the park.

The old boiler, replaced by a new furnace in the city hall, was ordered sold for \$25.

Councilman Chaney was delegated to consult the Fourth street property owners who have not yet built a sidewalk down the hill, to ascertain whether they would lay one or whether the city would have to do it for them.

He also brought up the question of wrecking the T bridge and will endeavor to find some one willing to do it for the lumber.

The proposed assessment for the Front and Willard street improvement has been filed with the recorder and a hearing will be held on it the first meeting night in January.

Recorder J. S. Lawrence was granted a week's leave of absence beginning Dec. 22, in order that he might spend Christmas with his wife and children in Oakland, California.

Program for Tonight's Banquet

The following is the program for the Father and Son banquet to be served in the Masonic Temple this evening at 6:30 by the ladies of the Eastern Star:

Toastmaster, John Francis Cramer
Invocation, Rev. E. N. Turner.
Banquet, All Sons and Dads take part wholeheartedly.

Everybody Sing, led by Clayton V. Bernhard, Marshfield.

Toast: "Son, Through Dad's Specs," Arthur A. Selander.

Toast: "Playing the Team Game," Lester Wilson.

Music: The Boys Glee Club.

Toast: "The Business of Being a Dad," C. R. Richards.

Solo: "Sailor Song," Clayton V. Bernhard.

Toast: "Pulling Together," Edward Johnson.

Music: Corned Canaries.

Address: "Father and Son, Inc.," C. A. Howard, Marshfield.

Closing Song, Everybody.

Christmas Tree, Dec. 23

At the meeting of the Lions Club yesterday noon it was definitely decided that the Community Christmas Tree exercises should be held in the Community Building on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 23, as previously announced.

The plans are being rapidly matured, the lodges have come through with the subscriptions requested, and everything now indicates that it will be the jolliest and most entertaining event of the kind ever held in the city.

Everyone is invited and every child, up to twelve years of age, will be presented with a gift.

Ralph Nosler Now the Dean

With the passing of Geo. Robinson from the active commercial life of Coquille, his mantle as dean of the business men falls on the shoulders of a much younger man—Ralph E. Nosler. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Nosler, then a boy of 16, began operating a barber shop and has been continually in business since. There are older establishments by many years in Coquille, but his is the oldest that has been conducted from the start by the same man.

C. of C. Nominations

The following is the list of nominations for officers of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce for 1926 as submitted to the directors at their session Wednesday evening. There may be others nominated later and, of course, there may be nominations from the floor on election night—Jan. 30.

It will be noted that the nominations include only one name of those who have served as directors this year, that of Fred Wimer.

For President—A. N. Gould and C. G. Archibald.

For Vice President—Lafe Compton.

For Treasurer—L. H. Hazard.

For Directors—J. L. Smith, F. G. Leslie, Fred Lorenz, O. T. Gant, S. M. Nosler, J. W. Miller, J. L. Stevens, Fred A. Wimer, W. E. Bosserman, J. P. Beyers, C. W. Gardner, H. C. Getz, J. W. Laird, J. J. Stanley, G. Russell Morgan and L. C. Newman.

M. J. Scanlon Visits Bay

The Coos Bay Times predicts that the visit of M. J. Scanlon, millionaire timber and mill man, of Minneapolis, in Marshfield prosages the advent of that gentleman into the development of southwestern Oregon and the possible entry into the Coos Bay district of the H'll railroad.

COUNTY LEVY 26.3 MILLS

The Coos county budget for next year appears on page five of this issue of the Sentinel and although it is nearly \$66,000 larger than last year, the amount to be raised by special tax is \$2,600 less. This is due to the expected returns to the county from the sale of government timber, of which the county receives 25 per cent.

Auditor W. H. Wann figures that where the levy for all county purposes was 27.7 mills last year that it will be 26.3 mills this year.

One increase in the budget is for school purposes, the per capita being raised this year from \$15 to \$20, increasing the amount to be raised from \$147,000 to \$150,000.

The budget committee levied \$32,960 for road districts. On Coquille's valuation of \$300,000 for 1925 this means that the city will receive approximately \$1600 from this source.

Marshfield with a valuation of approximately \$3,500,000 will receive \$7,000 as its share of county road funds. North Bend will receive approximately \$4,000; Bandon, \$2,000; and Myrtle Point, \$1,000.

The court budgeted nothing this year for new grades or roads.

The hearing on the budget, before its final adoption, will be on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Wimer to Open Auto Park

Coquille is to have an auto park on the highway replacing the myrtle grove as such if the council's intention to use the grove only as a city park after the first of the year is carried out.

W. H. Wimer is now at work, slashing and clearing the 4 3/4-acre tract, just east of the Masonic cemetery, which he purchased from Wm. Daily last week.

He intends starting the first of next week on the construction of a filling station and machine shop and by spring expects to have eight or ten cabins erected for rent to campers. The whole tract will be laid off in streets, auto stalls and cabin sites and eventually he will have a much larger number of houses.

He is planning to invest \$5000 in the camp before the 1926 season starts.

Raspberries in December

What section of the United States, in the latitude of Coos county, enjoys the mild climates that this region does? Ripe berries on the 8th of December! Tuesday Mrs. Jack Leach brought in a handful of raspberry twigs which she had just picked in her yard, with dozens of ripe berries clinging to them. The berries were not quite as large as they were in the summer, but the flavor was there.

Young Bob LaFollette, instead of accepting the invitation to join the regular republicans in the senate, is still flocking with the insurgents and following in his father's footsteps.

Dairymen—Ship your Cream to the Coquille Ice Cream Co. for best results.

ELECTION DEC. 21

Matters Submitted Which Are of Interest to Every Coquille Citizen

The city recorder has this week mailed pamphlets to every voter in the city giving notice of the special city election to be held Monday, Dec. 21. It also contains arguments, prepared by the city attorney, in favor of each of the four measures which will appear on the ballot.

The Sentinel believes that a favorable majority should be cast for each of the measures, and that there will be.

There can be no question about the desirability of spending \$2500 in filling and paving the intersection of Front and Hall street. That is only a fraction of what it will cost and the state highway commission may never again be willing to participate if the city does not go in with them now. Heavy traffic requires that solid earth, rather than a bridge, should provide entrance to the city at the south gate.

Not even there be any question as to the desirability of owning an athletic field. No one is going to make any profit on the deal for the ten men who signed the note for its purchase will not receive a cent from the \$3,000. It will pay the face of the note, interest and taxes. But they do stand to make a profit if the city refuses to purchase. When they cut it up into small tracts, as they expect to do this next summer if the city turns the offer down, they can probably double the present investment.

The charter amendment to increase the maximum fine which the city recorder can assess from \$100 to \$250, will place Coquille on a par with other towns of its size. \$100 is an absurdly low maximum, even though that amount is seldom imposed.

As to the fourth question on the ballot, there is no question. It simply cures a defect in a former charter revision as to posting notices for a city caucus to nominate candidates for office.

Vote "Yes" on all four. The councilmen, who handle city business, would not have submitted these questions had they not believed them necessary.

"Freshies" Monday Night

The Boys Glee club will present a one-act operetta entitled "Freshies," Monday evening at the Liberty Theatre as a special feature in addition to the regular show. The cast follows:

Charles, president of the Wanta Pi Fraternity - Hadley Curtis
Jack, a medical student Lester Wilson
Fred, a law student Clarence Barton
Bill, Paul, and Rod, three stars of the collage football team -
Zed Finley, Herman Floten,
and Wayne Robinson

Joe, George, Jim, Al, and Bob, upper classmen - Rupert Pownder, Le Norme Pownder, Kenneth Simmons, Ross Kistner, and Royce Richmond.

Freshies, Edward Johnson, Lawrence Cadle, James Watson, Keith Laird
The scene is laid in the Wanta Pi fraternity house, where various mysterious happenings have been noted. However, with the help of the Freshies, affairs are finally set right, and trouble in the Frat is a thing of the past.

This operetta with its interesting plot and catchy music will be staged between shows Monday evening, the curtain to go up about 8:40.

Assault and Robbery

L. S. Billings was bound over to the grand jury by Justice E. A. Dodge Monday and is held in lieu of \$1000 bonds. The crime with which he is charged as assault with intent to rob. Saturday night he was coming this way from Myrtle Point and near Chaney's railroad crossing was out of gas. Thad Green, intoxicated, was asleep in the rear seat of the car, and when he recovered consciousness his head was badly bruised and covered with blood and he was short \$50.

\$13,000 for Coquille River

The War department at Washington recommends that Congress appropriate \$1,046,785 for jetty and harbor work at Coos Bay during the next fiscal year, which begins July 1st. The Coquille river is to get \$13,000.