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## RELIEF PROGRAM

Discussed by Committee Members Last Night--To Canvas for Funds

That the county should not issue warrants to indigents and that a campaign for funds to finance relief agencies during the coming fall and winter in all the towns of the county were the two outstanding recommendations made by the meeting of the several relief committee heads and members at the meeting held by Judge D. F. Thompson, in the county court room last evening.

Delegations were present from every town in the county except Empire and Eastside, and many good ideas for relief were advanced.

Another point on which nearly all present were agreed was that the proposal to have a central commissary to serve all communities in the county was not practical. It would be expensive to maintain and distribute, there would be greater opportunity for waste and loss, and opportunity for duplication.

Rev. T. R. Jackman, of Coquille, told of his plan for canning fruits, vegetables and meats for local relief work the coming winter, the only item of expense being for cans. He proposes to have community committees collect surplus produce and meat from gardens and farms and other committees do the actual canning.

For the itinerant he proposes to have a can of mulligan which the recipient must carry out of town before opening. When mixed with water and heated it will make a very nourishing meal.

Another idea advanced by Mayor F. E. Drane, of Bandon, was that everyone should perform some work for the relief received. They follow that practice in Bandon and require a half day's work for a 50-lb sack of Red Cross flour.

The matter of misuse of food provided was also considered, several instances being reported around the county where fancy provisions were secured with county relief funds, and a party given to friends that night.

Duplication is to be avoided by a complete system of reporting, at regular intervals, to some office in the court house, which will maintain a card index system. Under the system of last year, where there was no authorized head to charities, numerous cases were reported of application to and help from, each relief agency in the town.

Suggestion as to collection by truck through the farming sections were made by Paria Ward and R. H. Lawhorn, with a farmer member on each of the sub-committees to report where surplus of meat and produce were available.

Other speakers who reported on how relief work has been handled in their community, and who offered suggestions as to what could and should be done this year were Mayor J. A. Berg and County Agent Geo. Jenkins, of Coquille; Mayor Chas. Harlocker, of Myrtle Point; Mayor F. E. Drane, Mrs. C. R. Wade, W. A. LeGore, of Bandon; Mayor Geo. Cook, E. P. Lewis, Miss Ellen Rudnas, Mair Dan and L. L. Thomas, of Marshfield; Wm. Vaughn, Henry Gustafson, H. L. Crawford and Mr. Nelson, of North Bend; Albert Powers and Dr. Ralph Milne, of Powers; Mrs. Edith McNelly, matron at the county farm; and Mr. Lewis, of Lakeview.

Mr. Vaughn's suggestion was that every man who had steady employment should give two or three days of his work to those who have neither funds nor employment, but that is something every charitable person will have to decide for him or herself. But it was decided that a committee should work in each city to solicit funds and provisions, clothing and other supplies, to be placed where they would do the most good—in the city where given.

The county court also contemplates the purchase of canning equipment, to be operated at the county farm, and while Judge Thompson said the county would not break off the giving of financial relief at once, that the providing of the necessities of life, instead of cash, would be worked into the county's program.

### Full Time and Full Crew

The Smith Wood-Products plant, which has been running on a full-time basis for the past six weeks, and laid off for a few days on the Fourth, has prospects of continuous operation during the summer, and fall. More than 125 names are on the payroll at the present time.

## State Assessors to Meet Here

Assessor J. P. Beyers announces that the 1932 session of the Oregon State Assessors' Association will be held in Coquille on the 11th, 12th and 13th of August, and that he expects about 25 assessors from over the state to be present.

Mr. Beyers states that many of them will make the dates the occasion for their annual vacation, that they will bring their families and spend a week or two visiting all of this Oregon section.

He is arranging a program of entertainment for the visitors, and the Chamber of Commerce will appoint a committee to assist in their entertainment.

The sessions of the association will be held in the circuit court room. A number of the State Tax Commission and its employees will also be present.

## FOX BREEDERS HOLD MEETING

The Coos County School of the Oregon State Fox Breeders Association met in the Myrtle Grove and the community building here Wednesday. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. E. Teters, of Fairview, temporary chairman, who gave a brief address of welcome, after which she introduced W. M. Cuning, Smith-Hughes instructor of C. H. S. Mr. Cuning gave a splendid talk on co-operation and the value these summer schools and local meetings are to breeders in an educational way. Mr. Cuning introduced E. N. Walker, of Gresham, president of the Oregon State Fox Breeders Association, who took the chair and acted as chairman throughout the day.

A. G. Ropa, of Denver, president of the Rocky Mountain National Fur Growers Association, was next introduced, and he talked on the value of co-operation. He thought the paramount problem of the fur farmer was the marketing of pelts. He touched on the climate and conditions of Coos county as being ideal for successful fox breeding.

Eugene Finley, of Jefferson, secretary of the Oregon S. F. B. A., spoke next on many things, the most important of which was co-operative marketing of pelts, and the polygamous mating of foxes on his farm.

E. N. Brown, of Independence, vice president of O. S. F. B. A., talked next

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### Swimming Pool Is Filling

At the Lions Club session yesterday noon resolutions were adopted, similar to those adopted by Chambers of Commerce of the county, protesting the action of the State Industrial Accident Commission in contracting with the one hospital in Marshfield for all commission's accident cases. Dr. R. H. Mast, who attended the luncheon, stated that this section of Oregon is the only one in which such a discriminatory position has been taken by the commission.

To succeed Geo. R. Dickinson, who has removed to Gold Beach, J. L. Smith was elected on the board of directors.

It was announced that the final clearing of the swimming pool site will be finished today. But it will require several days for the pool to fill after the dam was plugged yesterday.

This (Friday) evening all Lions who possibly can are expected to go to the dam at 5 o'clock, armed with hammers and saws to help in the construction of dressing rooms, toilets, and a walk across the dam.

New members elected at yesterday's session of the den were L. H. Hazard and W. M. Cuning.

### More Old Coins Reported

M. O. Hooton brings another old coin to the Sentinel's attention, a Spanish silver piece about the size of a dime, which was coined in 1799. He found it in the old Collier warehouse a few years ago.

Another old coin reported to the Sentinel is the Spanish dollar which Neil Watson, of Coos River, has owned for 40 years. It is dated 1779 and was secured by Mr. Watson's uncle in Mexico, the middle of the last century.

### Slater's Variety to Move

The Variety Store of R. T. Slater will be moved from its present location in the Shelley building, starting next Friday, two doors west, to the Gould building, formerly occupied by the MacMarr grocery. The moving will start as soon as the decorators get through their work, but Mr. Slater does not expect to get settled much before the first of August.

## County Is Living Within Budget

According to figures furnished the press by County Judge Thompson this week, the only item of county expenditure which has materially increased for the first five months of 1932 over the corresponding time for 1931 is the indigent relief fund, although the justice court expenses, coroner's office, Bullards and Daniels creek ferries, show some increase. As

will be noted below, the decrease for the five month period has been quite marked in the office of the sheriff and county clerk, and to a smaller degree in the school superintendent, assessor and treasurer's offices. The general road and road maintenance, as well as the county road expense also show a marked decline:

	5 Months 1932	5 Months 1931	5 Months 1930	5 Months 1929
Sheriff's Office	\$ 7,988.08	\$10,144.22	\$10,726.29	\$10,652.89
Clerk's Office	3,831.88	5,636.74	5,270.05	4,979.11
Treasurer's Office	1,315.85	1,744.29	2,207.70	1,890.40
Assessor's Office	4,266.87	4,546.01	4,887.15	4,487.74
School Supt. Office	1,312.29	2,349.80	1,990.96	2,145.78
District Attorney	608.40	729.66	662.07	720.61
Coroner's Office	216.40	162.15	86.00	42.60
County Health Unit	2,304.98	4,136.92	4,118.54	3,165.92
Justice Courts	1,106.02	798.52	896.03	817.95
Juvenile Court	770.54	1,220.74	1,128.66	1,189.18
Circuit Court	4,617.23	8,051.06	4,816.19	8,463.45
County Court	2,423.15	2,995.50	2,418.96	2,536.93
County Farm	3,648.57	4,963.27	6,240.10	6,838.47
Other Poor	13,548.43	12,069.55	9,063.61	6,153.24
Dependent Mothers	5,669.50	6,476.50	6,115.00	5,799.00
County Court & Viewing	122.40	80.00	87.20	90.00
Right of Way & Fencing	316.56	1,768.58	801.99	636.32
County Surveyor	802.99	1,191.85	91.85	490.50
Roadmaster's Office	1,486.19	2,659.42	3,563.29	2,662.57
Riverton Ferry	747.16	782.10	3,237.52	621.91
Bullards Ferry	1,717.91	1,669.40	1,563.90	1,853.20
Daniels Creek Ferry	810.74	747.15		
Enegren Ferry	1,474.31	1,857.88		
General Road Expense	11,895.35	15,291.54	36,705.21	13,514.42
General Maintenance	1,375.78	2,959.19	890.97	1,076.59

(Daniel Creek and Enegren Ferries were not operated until 1931)

The following report was presented to the committee of eight by Judge Thompson as showing how well the various departments of county administration are adhering to their budget for the first five months of 1932.

	Budget	5 Months Expenditure	Percentage Over Run	Under Run
Justice Court	\$ 1,851.00	\$ 1,106.02	43.4%	10.2%
Juvenile Court	2,000.00	770.54		
Circuit Court	11,075.00	4,617.23	.57%	
County Court	5,800.00	2,423.15	.27%	
District Attorney	1,480.00	608.40	2.9%	
Sheriff's Office	19,520.00	7,988.08		1.7%
County Jail	7,015.00	2,470.58		15.6%
Coroner's Office	375.00	216.40	38.3%	
County Clerk	9,625.00	3,831.88	4.3%	
County Treasurer	3,200.00	1,315.85	1.3%	
County Assessor	7,920.00	4,266.87	29.3%	
(All Field work done in first 5 mos.)				
County Health Unit	5,820.00	2,304.98		5%
County Farm	8,755.00	3,648.57		.09%
Other Indigents	27,600.00	13,548.43	17.8%	
Dependent Mothers	12,000.00	5,669.50	13.2%	
School Supt.	4,720.00	1,312.29		7.8%
General Road Fund	96,292.72	30,799.01		23.6%

### Coquille Visitor Killed Tuesday

Mrs. Percy Foster, cousin of the late L. P. Maury, who with Mr. Foster had been visiting at the Maury home over the Fourth, was killed at the service station this side of Euchre creek on the Coast Highway as they were returning to their home at Hill, Calif., Tuesday. Mrs. Foster, who was driving, had pulled to the left to pass another car, and cut in too quickly, the other car locking horns with hers and the two going over the grade. The Foster car rolled nearly 250 feet and lodged against a tree in such a way that the passing motorists, who quickly assembled, were not able to budge the car until someone had climbed out of the gulch to secure an axe to chop the tree down.

Mrs. Foster was not seriously injured by the accident but died of strangulation before the car could be moved and her feet released.

The body was taken to her old home at Medford for interment.

Henry Maury and his sister, Miss Mary, who had also been here over the Fourth from Central Point, were ahead of the Foster car when the accident happened, but quickly returned to the scene.

Mrs. Ora X. Maury left Wednesday morning for Medford to attend the funeral and will remain a couple of weeks with relatives in that section.

### Corps of Teachers Completed

Miss Dean Harding, Coquille teacher for two years, but during the 1931-32 school year in the Marshfield schools, has been elected by the board to fill the one remaining vacancy in the 1932-33 teaching staff here. She will teach in the Lincoln building. Miss Harding is a graduate of Oregon State College, the normal at Monmouth, and besides the three years' experience mentioned, taught two years in rural schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cuning left yesterday for eastern Oregon where the former will spend two weeks attending a conference of Smith-Hughes instructors.

### A Wonderfully Scenic Highway

Those who have not yet made a trip up the Coast Highway, as far as Taft at least, have missed one of the most beautiful drives in America.

At Depot Bay, north of Newport; at Yachats, at Heceta Head, at almost any point on the highway, there is something new and different, with an allure all its own, which causes the beholder to exclaim at the beauty of it all.

A new type of concrete bridge, with arches and crossbars overhead of concrete, mark several of the shorter stream crossings in the Heceta section.

The ferry service is not slow, although the many Coquille parties crossed them during the rush hours of the two-day holiday last week end. None of them make a round trip in more than half an hour and some require but 20 minutes.

The worst jam witnessed last Sunday was when the ferry had to be laid off for an hour's repair at Newport. The six-car barge which continued to operate across Yaquina Bay could not keep up and 45 cars were waiting on the south side when the ferry again began to function.

Cabin room, both north and south, was at a premium, and hundreds of vacationists had to travel for miles, some going back into the interior at Corvallis or Eugene to find accommodations.

The condition of the roadbed is in the main very good. From Gardiner to Florence, a distance of 26 miles, there is lots of loose gravel, but not dangerous when taken at a moderate speed. Between Florence and Heceta Head the road crew is now oiling that 16 miles, but the eight miles between the Head and Yachats is rather rough. From Yachats to Waldport, nine miles, the oiled road is better than anything in Coos county; while from the Alsea north to the Yaquina, 18 miles, it is good macadam surfacing.

When this highway is finally oiled, all the way from Brookings to Astoria, and two or three of the ferries

## Junior Baseball Here Sunday

The district Junior championship baseball game between Marshfield and Roseburg will be played in the Coquille Athletic Park, Sunday, July 10, at 2 p. m. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

Manager Mike Burke, who was here from the Bay yesterday making arrangements, said that the Coquille field was better than the one at Marshfield, and another consideration was the less wind that is encountered in this part of the Coquille valley.

Mr. Burke will use Louis Donaldson, catcher of the Coquille Juniors, and a couple of Bandon Juniors to present as strong a team as possible against Roseburg.

The winner of this game will meet the winner of the Klamath Falls-Medford game, and that winner will meet Eugene in the semi-finals.

## GEO. CHANEY'S SAILING VESSEL

That is a staunch and sturdy boat which Geo. Chaney is finishing on the banks of the river a mile below Coquille on the Piper Johnson place. Its sea-worthiness remains to be tested, but from its present appearance it should withstand a lot of buffeting by the elements.

Mr. Chaney hopes to launch it in ten days and plans to have it completely outfitted and ready to leave for Los Angeles, to attend the Olympic games, by July 1.

Although the vessel is built to accommodate a Diesel engine, Mr. Chaney is not installing one for her maiden trip, but will depend entirely on sail. Over 1200 square feet of canvas will be out when it is all spread. There is to be 800 feet in the main-sail, 250 topsail, and two jib sails of 180 feet, beside a small sparker.

The mast to carry this canvas will be a 52-foot stick, with a top mast of 20 feet.

The "Marguerite," which Mr. Chaney intends christening the bark in honor of his wife, is of 40 tons displacement, is 60 feet long, and with a beam of 14 feet. It has a draught of nine feet. The concrete and railroad iron keel weighs twelve tons.

The ribs of the vessel, all of which line up true and perfectly, were cut from specifications drawn by the builder himself. The two-inch planking with which the hull is covered has been caulked, 50 pounds of lead and whitening being used and he intends to further seal all seams, bulk heads and crevices with a concrete coating.

The middle portion of the hold is splendidly fitted with the galley, bunk rooms and a lot of built-in cabinet work.

There will be no superstructure on the deck except the house over the companionway. A 30-inch in height rail will extend clear around the vessel.

The Marguerite is to be painted black with orange stripes and white trim and one can visualize, after seeing the vessel, what a pretty picture she will make scudding before the wind on her 2000-mile trip south.

Including Skipper Chaney, there will be a crew of four on the maiden trip, and after they get their sea legs they will probably all enjoy the outing to the limit.

Mr. Chaney started work on the vessel nearly two years ago, doing the work himself, with one or two assistants. Whether he will later use the vessel for a trip around the world he has not announced.

### Ralph L. Smith Here Over 4th

After visiting here since last Saturday, Ralph L. Smith, president of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., left for Portland with Geo. A. Ulett, who will return Sunday. Mr. Smith is going east to Kansas City but will be back in Los Angeles, where his family is spending the summer, next month, and will come north to Coquille again at that time.

Asked about business conditions in the middle west and east, Mr. Smith's only reply was, "They are getting no worse."

### Insane Man Attempts Suicide

Clyde Bestwick, upper North Fork rancher, was taken to the asylum at Salem, Wednesday. He was taken to the county farm last week, on order of the probate court, but escaped and tried to cut his throat with a safety razor blade.

have been replaced by bridges, no power on earth can keep it from being the most-travelled tourist highway in the United States.

The Sentinel recommends to its readers that they see it for themselves.

## THE OIL IS THERE

Drill, Dripping with Petroleum, Raised Monday--Prospects Excellent

That there is oil in the well of the Coast Oil Co. beyond Fat Elk, has been again proved this week, but whether it is there in paying quantities cannot be foretold until the 6 1/2 inch casing arrives and the drill bites deeper into the earth.

After a two weeks' shut-down the drill was dropped into the hole Monday to cut out a bridge which gas pressure had formed in the present casing. When that was pierced the drill was dropped to the bottom where 20 feet of muck and water was standing. When the drill was drawn up to the derrick it was dripping oil and two days later, was still shiny with petroleum.

Of course, there is no positive assurance that heavier oil sand will be encountered as the drilling goes on, but if it is not it will be contrary to the history of all oil fields so far brought in.

Dr. J. Ellis Loreman, geologist, says that if this well becomes a producer, and his quiet confidence that it will carry conviction, the probabilities are that as large a field as the Los Angeles basin will be found to exist in Coos county.

The oil is of a high grade character and samples of it were taken to Los Angeles Tuesday by Mr. Miller who has no present connection with the company.

W. E. Marrion, president of the company, is expected back from Portland today, and a decision as to when drilling will be continued will be made in a day or two. But the casing, in order to control whatever flow may be released, is necessary before the drilling continues.

If the confidence of those connected with the company is not misplaced, a "strike" can be expected at any time after operations are resumed.

### Forum Meeting July 13

The directors of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, in session at the hotel Wednesday evening, decided that a forum meeting of the entire membership will be held at a 75-cent dinner session in the hotel next Wednesday evening at 6:30 p. m. Ed Miller, manager-secretary of the Coast Highway Association, has been asked to be present and speak. Since the organization of the association and Mr. Miller's selection as manager, there has been evidenced a great deal more of a co-operative spirit by other highway associations. With the Coast Highway open for its full length, the California communities are giving the coast road an even break, the hotels down there are sending here for maps of the highway, something they have never done before, indicating that northbound travelers are asking about the Coast Highway.

Mr. Miller is making contacts in California, where the greater part of our tourist travel originates, is perfecting a more efficient organization in each of the Oregon coast sections and will be here to tell what it is necessary to do to secure the maximum of tourist travel on this coast.

Memberships in the Coast Association, by which the entire program is financed, are \$1 for the individual and \$3 for business houses.

Rev. T. R. Jackman was appointed by the directors on the Community Chest committee, succeeding R. L. Stewart, resigned. He was requested to meet with the county relief committee at the court house last evening.

The directors endorsed the resolution passed by the county chamber on June 20, opposing the proposal by the State Industrial Accident Commission to contract with doctors and the hospital at Marshfield for the care of all cases for which the commission pays the expenses, for Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties. The claim that the commission could operate at a lower cost if the contract system was practised is doubtful. More than that the fees paid the commission are received from all parts of the district; it would work a hardship on the relatives of the injured; it might bring fatal results to the injured, and would seriously cripple all the other hospitals in southwestern Oregon.

### Rebekahs to Install July 13

Installation of officers of Mamie Rebekah Lodge No. 20 will be held at the next regular lodge meeting, Wednesday night, July 13th. All members please attend and visiting Rebekahs are always welcomed.