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## PLAN ACTIVE YEAR

### Chamber of Commerce Committees Appointed, Projects Listed and More Sought

In the absence of President C. W. Gano, who was in Portland, Vice President F. W. Martin occupied the chair at the Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting in the hotel Wednesday evening.

Mr. Martin, in a talk to the dozen directors present, stressed the need for a more extensive program for the chamber in 1934. At the meeting two months ago the Coast Highway Association was again made the major project for chamber activity this year, and \$20 a month was pledged to its support. There is no greater objective that any chamber along the coast can undertake and when the five bridges are built the coast association will have amply justified its existence (it has anyway for that matter), but even after the five major streams are bridged there will still be urgent need for co-operative effort in bringing the opportunities of the coast section to the attention of the world, and this is what is being done under the management of Ed Miller.

Mr. Martin's idea, however, was that there is plenty of opportunity for chamber activity here in town, in addition to the highway program. He suggested for one thing that the chamber co-operate with the Woman's Club in endeavoring to secure a greater Coquille library. After looking over the large amount of shelf room in the library, which is only partially filled with books, he came to the conclusion that an appeal to Coquille people would result in the donation of hundreds of books to the library from homes in the city. He is right. There are very few homes here which have not a lot of books in their libraries which the owners would be glad to place where they would be appreciated.

"The making of a playground at the ball park was another suggestion."

A third idea was that the whole city work for a better street lighting system in the business district. A few years ago the city council had its plans all made for an improved system but the 1929 cataclysm, and which is not yet ended, halted that project.

Another city need stressed was for rest rooms. After six o'clock, when the stores close, such accommodations are quite limited.

Still another matter discussed was in regard to the report that oleo is being used instead of butter at the OCC camps. In a dairy country such as this is the use of oleo would be an affront, but it was later learned from

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## Legion Netted \$112 from Dance

All dance attendance records in Coquille were broken at the American Legion Watch Party Dance in the Aragon Ball Rooms when 560 couples paid admission to celebrate the birth of a new year. In numbers present the Open House dance last week may have exceeded it by a couple of hundred, but at the former the crowds came and went, while at the Legion dance they came and staid to the end, about three o'clock in the morning.

It is also described by those who attended, as the most enjoyable dance of the season, with fine music by Ernie's dance band, a noisy welcome to nineteen thirty-four, and a general jolly time was had by all the eleven hundred. The Legion netted \$112 as its share.

## Oregon All-Stars Coming

A real treat is in store for sports lovers of Southwestern Oregon on January 12 and 13, when Iron Mike Mikulak and his Oregon All-Stars come to Coos county for basketball games with the "Bill's Place" basketball squad here on Friday night and the North Bend Aces at the Marshfield Armory on Saturday, Jan. 13. The remainder of Mikulak's team consists of Temple, Gee, Hughes, Cuppoletti and Wishard, all members of this year's U. of O. championship football team. Mikulak, Cuppoletti and Hughes all played in the New Year's game at San Francisco between the East and West and were outstanding men. Coos county is fortunate to secure these stars at the zenith of their popularity.

## Jan. Clearance at Sam Taylor's

The T. Warner men's clothing store, conducted by Sam Taylor, is the first Coquille store to inaugurate a January clearance sale. It opened this morning in the Odd Fellows block with all prices greatly reduced for the event. See his adv. elsewhere in this issue.

## Federal Insurance for Bank

The First National Bank of Coquille is one of the thousands of banks in the United States which has come under the provisions of the Federal deposit insurance act by congress. There are some banks in the United States which cannot secure deposit insurance, but a bank like Coquille's which has no need for the federal insurance is not one of that class. The insurance feature was not devised for banks like the First National of Coquille which is as sound as the Rock of Gibraltar, and so efficiently managed, but not to accept the insurance might have cast a doubt in the mind of the public.

## Compare Coos' Lot with Others

With more than 25 inches of rain since the first of September, this section is well on its way toward another average year of precipitation of around five feet.

But the weather has been mild, almost spring-like, which makes southwestern Oregon people congratulate themselves on their happy condition when they read of 25 to 52 degrees below zero weather in some parts of the country, floods and cloudbursts in others. Truly this section of the United States is the most satisfactory year round that can be found anywhere. Soon the cyclone season will start in the middle west. Oregon doesn't know that terror either.

## HE IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Charges of assault have been filed against Joe Coffman, who is still in the Knife hospital here, being treated for his hand from which the ends of two fingers were blown off Monday night.

The affair happened at the Loren Knight home near Johnson's Mill. Coffman was drunk and, according to the story told J. J. Stanley, others were too. Coffman and Knight engaged in a fight, ending when Coffman drew a big knife with which he slashed at various members of those present, narrowly missing a little girl in one of his lunges.

Just as he had the knife raised to plunge downward into an intended victim, Seth Lanegan fired with a shot gun, hitting Coffman's hand which held the knife. The knife dropped and the melee ended, and Coffman was brought to the hospital, vowing vengeance on those who were in the party.

Coffman is a prize fighter who came out here from Brooklyn, N. Y., a few years ago and for a time knocked out all opponents in the welter weight who met him.

## Legion Program at McKinley

D. E. Rackleff, commander of the American Legion here, has assembled five or six numbers which will provide the entertainment at the McKinley OCC camp this evening. Included on the program are Ernie Ferrari and his accordion, E. G. Mansfield on the banjo, Gross Wood and his magician act, R. A. Jeub in a talk on Americanism and one or two other numbers. The McKinley quartet will furnish a number and Mr. Rackleff is planning on a community singing.

We are sorry we are not able to tell the program to be given at the Fairview camp this evening by Marshfield talent if one is to be given.

The Bay town asked to be allowed to furnish the entertainment at the Fairview camp, but according to a report from Fairview made here yesterday, they have yet to see their first program presented by that generous town.

## Local Gas Plant Sold

The local gas plant of the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon was included in the sale of all the company's holdings in Oregon and Washington which was made by the Natural Gas Properties, Inc., to Bernard W. Ford and associates at San Francisco this week. Mr. Ford said the new owners had no announcement to make at this time but might have after they had time to confer on the matter.

Besides the Coquille plant the properties included in the sale are those at Klamath Falls, Cottage Grove, Bend, The Dalles and La Grande, in Oregon; Anacortes, Camas, Port Angelus, Port Townsend and Shelton in Washington.

It is reported to the Sentinel that the heavy blast last Sunday night, just as the new year was being ushered in, was dynamite used to break up a coal vein on government-owned land.

## C.W.A. PROJECTS URGED TO SIGN

### Big One Approved by Council Tuesday--Work to Start Monday on Others

State approval of Coquille CWA projects, reported to CWA headquarters in Marshfield this week, included the Third street widening, the fencing of the reservoir at the headwaters on Rink creek, the grading of Fifth street, east from the highway, and the tearing up of the old plank on Heath and Bush streets where the city anticipates using a part of a carload of gravel. The estimated cost of these projects is around \$4200, and it will require at least a month to complete them. Work is expected to start on the jobs Monday morning.

Altogether, City Engineer Stacor says, about 32 men will start to work on these projects. The drawing of names will take place at Chris. Boessen's headquarters this morning and he will make announcement when he comes over this afternoon.

It was stated this morning that some Coquille men will be chosen to work on the Bay airport at Eastside.

A good-sized delegation of unemployed, who had secured Leo J. Cary to act as spokesman, attended the council meeting Tuesday evening to learn why more men have not been at work on CWA projects in Coquille. Mayor Berg explained that as rapidly as local projects were approved, and the names drawn at the Bay, the men were put to work; that aside from approving local projects the city council had absolutely no jurisdiction in the matter.

It was further reported that a recent ruling required that the names of ex-service men, registered, be given the first consideration in the selection of those to be put to work.

New projects approved by the council Tuesday evening will, if approved by the county and state organizations, mean the putting to work of 35 or 40 more in the near future.

One project was that of renovating the library and repairing all books there. This will be a job for women mostly.

Another project approved by the council will mean the employment of about 35 men for a period of sixty days.

There are several divisions to this project. One section is the leveling, grading and improving at the ball park, including the repair of fences. Another is the cleaning out of the creek which flows through the city from the hills to the east, between Fourth and Sixth streets.

Still another division is the grading of Eighth street, from Henry to Coulter streets, and the grading of Tenth street east from the paving on Heath. The earth removed from those streets will be used to fill Seventh street, where that bridge is to be replaced, and to fill under the east end of the Spurgeon Hill bridge. Nearly half of that bridge needs rebuilding and the idea is to fill and tear out the old section. As soon as the project has been approved Fourth street will be closed to traffic, the weakened portion of the bridge removed and the work of making the fill will start.

Traffic from Spurgeon Hill will be required to come out by way of the Odd Fellows cemetery, the county highway shops, and down Sixth street to the highway.

Still another section of this big project is the removal of the old plank on Coulter street, from Tenth to the ball park and the grading of the street after which it will be gravelled.

## Forger in the Toils

Bonice McCready, of Eureka, Calif., was brought back from there the first of the week and was bound over to the grand jury on a forgery charge. The complaint on which he was arrested charged that he passed three forged checks in Coquille on December 20, each for \$5.50, those cashing them being Hudson's Drug Store, Fuhrman's Pharmacy and J. A. Lamb Co. At Marshfield he cashed five, each for \$10.50 and had some weeks previously operated at the Bay. He was bound over to the grand jury by Justice J. J. Stanley.

## Turkey Feed at Regular Meeting

The regular Legion Auxiliary business meeting will be held in the Legion Home next Monday evening at eight o'clock. The Legion will hold its business session at the same hour.

After the sessions the two organization members will sit down to a turkey dinner, provided by the Legion, and later be entertained by a program furnished by the Auxiliary.

### Corn and Hog Producers Asked to Take Part in Adjustment Program

Coos county farmers who have produced for the past two years an average of 10 acres of corn, three litters of pigs, or both, and who expect to take advantage of payments which will be made under the corn-hog adjustment program, should see that their name is included at once in the list of corn or hog producers, according to instructions being received daily at the County Agent's office where the list is kept.

Any farmer who has produced an average of three or more litters of pigs and who will contract to reduce the number produced during 1934 to 75 per cent or less of this average, will be paid an extra \$5.00 a head above the regular market price regardless of what is done with the hogs. Contracts run for one year only, and the farmer agrees that, during that year, he will also refrain from increasing his total crop acreage.

To those who have produced ten or more acres of corn for the past two years regardless of whether the corn is harvested for green feed, silage, or grain, and who will agree to take from 20 to 30 per cent of this acreage out of production, the government will make payments in the form of rent at the rate of 30c a bushel on the average yield of the land taken out of corn production.

A preliminary state board of review to be in charge of the corn-hog campaign in Oregon has been appointed by Paul V. Maris, director of extension, at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, and it is already at work. Aided by the experience gained in the wheat campaign, this board is preparing to expedite the work of the corn-hog adjustment program. Members of the board are L. R. Breithaupt, chairman; H. A. Lindren, secretary; John S. Denee, federal statistician; E. E. Potter, G. R. Hislop, P. M. Blandt, F. L. Ballard with E. R. Jackson and W. L. Teutsch alternates.

George Jenkins Coos County Agent, is attending a district meeting in Medford this week where final arrangements are being made for starting the program in Southwestern Oregon counties. Immediately following this, meetings will be held in various sections of Coos county to acquaint the growers with this program. Several hog raisers in Coos county have already made inquiry regarding its operation, Jenkins stated.

## Grange Meeting Last Night

Coquille Grange No. 396 held a very interesting business meeting last night, the sales taxes being the main subject of discussion. Several interesting letters from other Granges over the state were read, some being for and some against the sales tax.

Remember, Grangers, we are having another rodent contest with Myrtle Point Grange beginning January 1 and ending June 30. Save your diggers, rats, moles and other pests.

Also remember the Pomona Grange meeting at McKinley next Tuesday, Jan. 9. All fourth degree members are urged to be present. All business will be conducted in the fourth degree. Our master states some very important business to be discussed. Bring your lunch, cup, and tools.

Mr. Selbig of the Swift & Co. plant here is donating ten pounds of Brookfield cheese to help out on our lunch.

Mrs. Martha Mulkey will talk on education and there will also be other speakers for the lecture hour. We will have a good meeting. Be there. Ray Storer.

## Must Inspect Over 100 Projects

E. L. Vinton, who returned from his trip to Portland Sunday, accepted the position of district engineer for the CWA for Coos and Douglas counties and has been on the jump since early Monday morning, trying to keep up with the work. He is one of fourteen district engineers in the state, whose duties are to visit and report on every project in their district each week. As there are already 53 approved projects in Douglas and 46 in Coos county it can be seen that he has his time fully occupied.

Mr. Vinton has received instructions from the head office in Portland, also to observe and report on flood conditions in his district, which may mean that the federal government contemplates some effort at flood control in southwestern Oregon.

G. E. Trott was a Coquille visitor from the Bandon section, Wednesday.

## Coquille Boys on Air Tonight

Bobby Burns and Randolph Lorenz left last evening for Portland to take part this evening at the Broadway Theatre in the state finals of the McKesson Drug Co. contest. This contest was started locally during the Corn Show and later Randolph won the right, over KEX, to represent Coquille in the state contest this week. The preliminaries will be held this evening and the finals, to determine the five who will make trips to San Francisco and Hollywood will be held Saturday evening.

Bobby Burns was not a contest winner but was engaged by Skipper Don Mills to make the trip south on which the contest winners will make a tour of the theatres in central California, and he will probably go on to Hollywood with the contingent.

Here's wishing Randolph success in first appearance before a metropolitan audience, and hoping that he may be one of the five from Oregon who gets a chance in the entertainment field.

It was announced over KEX yesterday that both the preliminary tonight and the finals Saturday night was to be broadcast from the Broadway theatre over KEX at ten o'clock.

## H. S. Registration Next Week

Registration for the second semester for the high school will be held in Supt. Ward's office in the high school building on Thursday and Friday of next week, Jan. 11 and 12. All those expecting to enter high school the week following are requested to call at the office and be enrolled.

## BLANKS FOR INCOME TAX DUE

The 1933 Federal income tax returns were mailed on January 2nd, and should reach taxpayers within the week. The requirements for filing individual returns are the same as for the year 1932: i. e., each single person with a net income of \$1000.00 or over and each married person with a net income of \$2500.00 or over, or each person with a gross income of \$5,000.00 or over must file an income tax return.

If separate returns are filed by husband and wife, the exemption may be taken by either or divided between them. In addition to the personal exemption, a credit of \$400.00 may be claimed for each person (other than husband or wife) under 18 years of age, or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective, who receives his or her chief support from the taxpayer during the taxable year.

Before preparing the return, the taxpayer should assemble carefully all information; he also should make a study of the instructions on the form. When the return has been completed, all working papers should be held by the taxpayer for future reference.

The oath will be administered without charge by the Collector, any deputy collector or Internal Revenue Agent.

Although taxpayers have until March 15, 1934, in which to file returns, Collector J. W. Maloney wishes to impress upon each one the desirability of compiling his information and filing his return at an earlier date in order to avoid last minute rush. This early filing will permit all taxpayers to receive the full, courteous assistance Collector Maloney desires rendered by his corps of deputies.

Corporation and partnerships are required to file Federal income tax returns, regardless of the amount of net income.

## Mrs. Maury Injured in Fall

Mrs. Ora X. Maury is slowly recovering from the effects of a fall last Saturday afternoon when she was at home alone. She remembers nothing from the time she started down the steps to the basement until she recovered consciousness and found herself lying at the foot of the stairs. She managed to drag herself up the steps and by tapping on the window attracted the attention of a boy outside who summoned Mrs. Hal W. Pierce and Miss Beas Maury. No bones were broken but she has suffered considerable pain from the bruises and contusions.

## Redecorating Power Co. Office

The Mt. States Power Co. office has been receiving a needed re-decorating treatment at the hands of W. H. Mabin, and now is as spotless as it was originally. Most of the stains which marred the ceiling was caused by faulty plumbing when the hotel annex was built.

## COQUILLE'S DEBT

### Reduced \$2,486 During Past Year--Water Fund Gains \$12,822.

Considering tax delinquency and the general period of "repression" through which Coquille, with the rest of the world, has been passing, and from which we are now slowly emerging, the annual report of City Treasurer W. S. Sickle, made to the council Tuesday evening, is highly satisfactory. It will be found in detail on page seven of this issue.

From it we learn that the city's total indebtedness has been decreased the past year by \$2,486.44. Outstanding bonds have been decreased by \$5,808.12, water fund warrants outstanding by \$3,635.62, and special fund warrants by \$28.50. Against this there is an increase in general fund warrants of \$6,985.80 over the amount outstanding a year ago.

The decrease in total indebtedness would have been much greater than that had all the warrants of the city, taken in on taxes, street improvement assessments and for water payments been cancelled, but they are being held in the city treasury to wait until warrants issued prior to their dating have been called in and retired.

The annual report of Recorder F. G. Leslie furnishes further information of how greatly the city's financial condition has improved during 1933. Total receipts from all sources in the general fund have been \$13,920.84 during the year, while only \$13,007.32 in general fund warrants have been issued, making a gain for the city during the year of \$913.52.

In the water fund the gain is really startling, being \$12,822.52. Receipts were \$16,406.01, and only \$3,583.49 in warrants were issued.

The total gain for general and water funds is \$13,736.04.

Mr. Leslie's complete report was as follows:

General Fund Receipts	
Special Tax	\$12,143.19
Road Tax	275.15
Fines	861.00
Building Permits	25.00
Licenses	412.00
Miscellaneous	204.50

Total	\$13,920.84
Warrants drawn	13,007.32

Gain for year \$913.52

Water Fund Receipts	
Water Rentals	\$16,117.63
New Service	10.00
Miscellaneous	278.38

Total	\$16,406.01
Warrants drawn	3,583.49

Gain for year \$12,822.52

## Car Skidded From Highway

Mrs. Mabel Scobee, of Gold Beach, suffered bruises and shoulder injuries about nine o'clock last Friday evening when her Ford coupe skidded from the highway four and one-half miles below Coquille, and turned over a couple of times before coming to rest 20 feet below the highway.

She was on her way to Marshfield to spend New Year's and when another car approached she applied the brakes. In the muddy crossing of the highway, just below the upper Joe Nilsen place, the car started to skid and she could not stop it. All the glass was broken, except the rear window, and the right side of the coupe was caved in.

Mrs. Scobee has been taking treatment from Dr. C. R. Bloyd for her injuries while the Southwestern Motor Co. repaired the damages to the car.

## Retrial of Damage Suit Set

The retrial of the Turman Hartley vs. Harold Berg damage suit has been set by Judge Brand for Feb. 6 at which time a portion of the jury panel will be recalled. In the first trial of the case, Truman was awarded \$7500 damages for the injuries he received when Berg's car went over the grade at King's creek, at the Henry Bryant place when Delos Drulliner was killed in May, 1931.

The supreme court sent the case back for retrial because in the court's instructions the jury was told that if the Berg car was on the wrong side of the highway the driver was guilty of reckless driving.

W. E. Marrior, who arrived here Sunday from southern California, says that J. P. Furr is coming up from the south in the near future. Whether this means renewed activity at the Fat Elk oil well has not indicated.