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## \$20,000 POSSIBLE

Cost to County of Fairview—  
Summer Road—Engineer's  
Estimate Not Yet Made

Whether the transient camp at Fairview will be continued or moved elsewhere is going to depend on whether projects for the men out there are provided.

Capt. Friewald, in charge out there, has asked the county court to provide other work for the men when they have finished ditching the Coquille-Fairview road.

This fact caused a discussion in county court this week which has not yet been settled. Judge McLain and Commissioner Doane favored putting the men to work on the six-mile Fairview-Summer road. Commissioner Lawhorn objected because the county engineer has not yet furnished an estimate of what the county expenditure must be for the road. It was roughly stated that the county's outlay would be \$4,000 to clear and bring the road to grade, but Mr. Lawhorn said it could easily be double that amount. And then there would be a \$10,000 to \$15,000 expense for gravelling if the road is to be used more than three or four months in the summer time.

"The road would benefit me probably more than any other one man," said Mr. Lawhorn, "but I am serving all the people in the county, and am unwilling to add to the county debt where it can be avoided."

In his conclusions he remarks: "If the value of county warrants could be raised to a level at or near par, there would be no application of warrants to payments of taxes, and the warrants would then be redeemed according to priority and automatically remove the principal reason for the market price of warrants being low at this time. To be explicit the issue of general fund warrants for the year aggregated \$122,406.07 and the redemption of general fund warrants for the year 1934 totalled \$114,530.72 and we argue that had this redemption involved the warrants according to priority, the price of such warrants would have been at a higher level. As a matter of fact, \$109,103.29 of the total redemption was received for taxes and about \$88,000.00 of the redemption was for the 1933 and 1934 issue of warrants."

## B. B. Tournament Tonight

H. H. Hartley, high school principal and basketball coach, and eight players left this noon for Roseburg, where the district tournament is to be started this evening and finished tomorrow night, in the Roseburg high school gym. The boys taken were Lewis Donaldson, Donald Smith, Jim Robinson, Eddie Moore, Junior Bailey, Bob Waggoner, Jesse Earton and Carl Yarbrough.

The report is that Marshfield and Roseburg will play the first game tonight at 7:30 and that Coquille and Myrtle Point will play immediately afterward.

Tomorrow's games will be between tonight's two winners and between tonight's two losers, the latter being for the consolation championship. Mr. Hartley would make no predictions as to the outcome, but this writer wants to say that if the boys play the brand of ball they have on two different occasions this year, they will give any of the other three teams a most interesting evening.

## Dixie Male Quartet Returning

The Dixie Male Quartet, the four colored men whose singing was so greatly enjoyed by the Lions club and the high school two or three years ago, is to make another Coquille appearance, this time under the sponsorship of the Coquille B. P. W. club. They will sing in the Community Building on the evening of April 2. Negro folk songs, spirituals, and other songs for which the quartet is noted, will be given on the program. Further announcement will be made next week.

## Legion to Observe 16th Birthday

The Coquille American Legion is planning a birthday party for next Friday, March 22, the sixteenth anniversary of the Legion's founding. The party will be held in I. O. O. F. hall and Marvin Skipworth, of Marshfield, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

After the program of music and talks a dance will be held and refreshments served. All ex-service men, their wives or sweethearts, are invited to attend, whether Legion members or not.

## W. D. Newton Funeral Sunday

W. D. Newton, father of Orville and Chas. Newton, of this city, himself a former resident of Coquille and the valley, passed away at Keizer hospital in North Bend last evening. Heart trouble was the cause of his death.

The Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries brought the body to Coquille last evening and the funeral will be held at their chapel Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Newton was past 70 years of age and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Newton, who lives at Millington, and beside the two sons mentioned above, the following children: Raleigh and George, of Klamath Falls; Archie, of Myrtle Point; Mrs. Maud Drane, of Bandon; Mrs. Addie Gauthier, of Philomath; Misses Faye, Myrtle, Alice and Hazel, all of Millington and Marshfield.

## Free Bridges Certain

The probability that the toll-free bridges act, for the Coast Highway, will pass the legislature seems now pretty well assured. Those who were opposing free bridges were seeking favors for their own sections and since Gov. Martin has assured them that all sections of the state will be given fair treatment, opposition to the free toll bill has largely subsided.

## LAST JURY CASE TO BE UP MON.

Richard Jordan, tried last week for involuntary manslaughter of Nick Soini, and on whose case the jury disagreed, was permitted to plead guilty on Monday to assault and battery and was sentenced to six months in the county jail. He will be paroled after 90 days. District Attorney Flaxel dismissed the indictment against him.

The only other jury case to come up this week was that of Albert Oleman, as guardian, vs. Darrell Roberts and Ira Tower. The case resulted in a non-suit for both defendants, Mr. Roberts on petition of the plaintiff and Mr. Tower on defendant petition.

The jury was then dismissed until ten o'clock next Monday morning, when the case of the state vs. Carl Lindquist for assault and battery will come up. He was a sailor off one of the boats and being somewhat drunk was arrested by the police. Lindquist took the cop's club away from him and beat him with it. When taken before the justice of the peace he was bound over to the grand jury. He waived grand jury examination and pleaded not guilty.

Judge Brand announced that this was the last jury case to come before the jury at this term; also that Judge Wimberly would be here to hear it as he was going to Seattle to give an address at the University of Washington.

## School Bus at Arago Struck

A collision at the intersection of the Myrtle Point road and the Arago lane Tuesday evening proved less serious than the potentialities. L. M. Aasen and his son Stephen were returning from Myrtle Point with a load of feed when the steering gear on their model T Ford touring car broke and the car shot across the road into the Arago school bus, driven by Ernest Watkins.

Mr. Watkins realized the emergency in time to stop his truck. This action lessened the force of the collision and no one was injured. There were ten children in the bus and they were not even thrown from the seats. Stephen Aasen was thrown through their windshield but his hat saved him and he was not even cut. Mr. Aasen suffered a sore chest where he struck the steering wheel but was all right the next day.

The Aasen car was badly smashed and the truck had a bent front axle, broken headlight and mashed fender. Mrs. Otha Ray brought the West Norway children to school Wednesday morning. Mr. Watkins had his truck repaired and drove the route that evening.

## Final Report on Seal Sale

The Christmas seal sale in Coos county in December exceeded the sale of the year before by 42 per cent, the total being \$858.67. Every town in the county went considerably over its 1933 record. The Coos county treasury of the Public Health Association retains 45 per cent of the funds.

Following is the total for the various towns and districts: Marshfield, \$249.19; Coquille, \$187.34; North Bend, \$145; school districts, \$104; Myrtle Point \$71.75; Powers \$55.27; Bandon \$46.12.

## WILLAMETTE U. THE COUNTY AUDIT

President Talked to Lions Club  
About African Lions Yesterday Noon

Ted Hornicker, district manager of the Shell Oil Co., was given the obligation at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday noon which raised him from the rank of cub to that of a roaring lion. The talk on Lionism, its privileges and obligations, was very interestingly given by deputy district governor, R. A. Jeub.

Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of the Willamette University, was a guest of the club and gave a very entertaining talk of his experiences in South Africa, where he saw, but did not meet many lions.

He prefaced his lions talk with the statement that he is an ardent believer in service clubs, although not a Lion. He does not believe that a service club can save a man's soul, he said, but does believe it can have a lot to do with making the soul worth saving.

He is in favor of service clubs because of the recreation and good wholesome fun enjoyed by members; because of their educational value; and because each club has a serious purpose, including helpfulness to others.

Dr. Baxter, for nearly half an hour, entertained the Lions with glimpses (Continued on Page Seven)

## "The Yellow Shadow" Next Fri.

The C. H. S. senior class has opened the ticket sale for their class play, "The Yellow Shadow," which will be given at the Community Building on Friday evening, March 15, at 8 p. m. Prices are: adults 35c, students 25c and children 15c. A small number of reserved seats are available for the convenience of those who cannot come early to get a good seat. These are on sale at Wilson's Confectionery. They are priced at 40c, and other tickets purchased from class ticket salesmen may be exchanged for them, accompanied, of course, by the difference in price.

Work on the play itself has been progressing very nicely. The stage will present a unique idea, much work being already done in that direction. Two very fine entracte numbers will add to the pleasure of the audience. Funds from this play go to cover some necessary senior expenses and to purchase a class memorial for the school.

## Official Visit to Beulah Chapter

Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., will receive an official visit next Thursday evening, March 14, from Mrs. Myrtle B. Peterson, of Ontario, Oregon, grand conductress of the order. The grand officer will conduct a school of instruction in Masonic Temple at 2:30 p. m. for the officers of the chapter, and at 6:15 that evening a covered dish dinner will be served in the dining room, to which all members, their husbands and wives, are invited.

All members are urged to attend the session of the chapter at 7:30, by Mrs. Flora Compton, worthy matron of Beulah Chapter.

## Deputy County Assessors

Deputy county assessors to assist him in making this spring's property valuations were named by Assessor Beyers this week and immediately took the oath of office. They are C. O. King, of Dora; H. G. Roslow, of Myrtle Point; C. J. Coombes, of Broadbent; J. L. Knight, Catching creek; T. B. Currie, Coquille; F. M. Lewis, Lakeside; J. J. Morris, Bandon; W. L. Finney, North Bend; Ben E. Stone and W. E. Hoagland, both of Marshfield.

## Woman's Club Next Tuesday

The Marshfield Woman's club brings the exchange program to Coquille next Tuesday, that being the regular meeting of the Coquille Woman's club. All members and others interested, are urged to be present. The Marshfield ladies have at all times furnished most interesting and enjoyable entertainment, and a pleasant afternoon is assured those attending.

## County Court Orders

The county court this week named F. C. McNelly, superintendent of the county farm, to act as purchasing agent for supplies for the county jail. The court also granted a license to the Gravel Ford Community Building Society to conduct dances at Gravel Ford this year.

Discussed by W. H. Wann at C. of C. Meeting—Favors Refunding Warrants

W. H. Wann, who has just completed the audit of Coos county's books, gave a talk before the Coquille Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting, Tuesday noon, which was illuminating and interesting to the score who heard him.

Before going into the strictly budget talk, the county auditor expressed regret that the county did not buy in its bonds, maturing 1943 to 1945 when they could have been purchased at about 50 cents on the dollar, during the depression, at the then market price. He mentioned cities which had pursued that policy and would soon be in fine financial condition.

By comparing the \$854,698.92 warrants outstanding with the cash on hand—\$18,360.25—and the uncollected taxes amounting to \$974,162.43, for a total assets of \$992,522.68, it will be noted that the assets exceed the liabilities by \$137,823.76, which is \$132,823.76 above the \$5,000 warrant debt limit. Interest was not figured in either case.

The total warrant debt at the end of each of the last eight years was named by Mr. Wann as follows:

1928—\$814,954.82.  
1929—\$806,218.94.  
1930—\$565,367.31.  
1931—\$697,345.29.  
1932—\$799,345.29.  
1933—\$846,161.89.  
1934—\$833,052.46.

Beside the decrease of warrant indebtedness at the end of 1934 from the 1933 figure, of \$13,100, the county retired \$68,000 worth of road bonds by redemption.

General fund warrants redeemed last year totalled \$114,530.72, of which \$1,207.96 only was on warrant call, the balance being used for tax payments by the holders.

The total county bond obligation (interest not included) is now \$670,000.

Mr. Wann is greatly in favor of refunding the warrants by bond issues, where this can be legally done. The saving of two per cent or more interest would amount to a tremendous saving to the county.

## No County SERA Head Yet

The Coos county SERA committee, consisting of the members of the county court as ex-officio members, F. E. Drane, of Bandon, Mrs. J. T. Brand, G. E. Huggins and Dr. Simpkins, all of Marshfield, have been unable to agree on a county administrator to succeed Mr. Huggins who resigned recently. It may be necessary for Victor Moses, state chairman, to fill the vacancy by appointment.

It appears that there may be too much Marshfield domination in the committee. Neither Coquille nor Myrtle Point are represented on it, and one of Coquille's projects was saved recently only through the intervention of R. H. Lawhorn.

Another matter which Messrs. Doane and Lawhorn have been unable to correct is the employment of an alien citizen as bookkeeper for the SERA office at the Bay.

## SERA Work Resumed Here

The State Emergency Relief Administration having met the requirements of the FERA, the relief work in Oregon was resumed on Monday, and 22 men went back to work here on the water line and the Spurgeon street projects. Eight men are working on the water line and 14 on the Spurgeon street fill and bridge.

City Engineer Stacer says that application has been made for ten more men to start work next Monday. The fill, adjoining the highway on Fourth will probably require 60 days to complete and will then have to be planned for use until it dries out enough to make travelling the driveway possible.

## Mrs. Candlin Returns

Mrs. Wm. Candlin, who had been visiting at the home of her brother, Major Dee, in Seattle, since the death of Mr. Candlin last month, returned home Wednesday. Major Dee drove down with her. Mrs. Candlin has made arrangements with J. W. P. McFall and the glove company which Mr. Candlin represented, to act as their representative in the wholesaling of paper and gloves in the same territory Mr. Candlin covered.

For sound Fire Insurance, go to Ned C. Kelley.

## Notice To The Public

I have received a number of complaints about the quality of local grown potatoes. After investigating each complaint I found that these potatoes, were not grown nor marketed by members of the Coos Produce Growers Association. In order to deceive the consumer and take advantage of the association, some growers have been marketing potatoes under the brand, "Coos County Potatoes."

All potatoes grown by members of the association are put up under two distinct brands, Myrtle Brand No. 1s, and Coosco Brand No. 2s.

Insist on these brands when buying potatoes; they are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Coos Produce Growers Assn.  
by C. A. Saling, President

## Rain, Snow and Cold

Southwestern Oregon has been experiencing real winter the past week, with a cold rain, snow last night and this morning, and below freezing temperatures nearly every morning. March is anything but lamb-like, which may mean fine spring weather as the month fades.

The total rainfall has now reached 33 inches with more than two months yet to go.

## LARGER PIPE TO CROSS RIVER

City Engineer Stacer, submitted an estimate to the city council at the Monday evening session of that body as to the probable cost of improving Holly, Bush, Eleventh and Ninth streets, with a gravel-surfacing twelve feet wide and six inches deep.

For the 759 feet on Holly, from Eleventh to Bush and 329 feet east on Bush, his estimate for labor, material, engineering and inspection was \$673.41. For the 490 feet on Ninth street, from Heath east to the end of Ninth, the estimate was \$463.37.

The councilmen were not inclined to make the improvement by advertising the intention to gravel, and asked the property owners whose plank street is practically all gone, to bring in a petition, asking for the improvement.

A new sidewalk was ordered in along the south side of the W. L. Kistner place, the superintendent of the state highway shops having agreed to handle the drainage from the shops so that it would not run down over the walk.

The fire hydrant, directly in front of LeRoy Rice's Coquille Auto Park (Continued on Page Seven)

## County Federation of Woman's Clubs Met at Bandon Mon

The Coos County Federation of Women's clubs held their semi-annual meeting at Bandon Monday, March 4, at the K. P. hall. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion by a committee headed by Mrs. O. L. Zentner.

The meeting opened at 10:15 a. m. with Mrs. J. W. Gamwell of Powers, the county president, in the chair. The flag salute, led by Mrs. Chris Rasmussen, and community singing, led by Mrs. J. H. Dalen, followed. An address of welcome was delivered by R. T. Moore, representing the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. The response was given by Mrs. Shepman, president of the North Bend club. Mrs. J. E. Norton, of Coquille, district president, talked on the Oregon Club-woman. Mrs. Vernon Smith, of Coquille, spoke on child welfare, and Mrs. J. T. Brand, of Marshfield, spoke on American citizenship.

Interesting brief reports were given by the presidents of the different clubs.

A paper on music, including the new arrangement of "The Star Spangled Banner," prepared by Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, was read by Mrs. Reidar Bugge, of Marshfield. The morning session closed with the guests visiting the school cafeteria.

The luncheon tables at Jerry's were beautifully decorated and arranged with yellow and white jonquills, narcissi and Irish furze. Places were laid for 78. During the luncheon hour Mrs. Dalen sang two delightful solos. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Graydon W. Treadgold.

At the afternoon session Judge Hugh McLain spoke on affairs of the county, explaining the various legislative measures he has proposed in order to assist the county finances. He was followed by Mrs. Lela Elrod.

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## THE ENSEMBLE

Give Splendid Performance Before Large Audiences Two Nights This Week

Lovers of the violin were highly pleased both last evening and Wednesday, at the Liberty Theatre, with the performance given by the String Ensemble, directed by Miss Muriel Dae. The Ensemble has made mighty fine progress the past year and it rendered "The Merry Widow Waltz," "Black Eyes," and "The Student Prince," with a finish and technique that promises well for their future playing when they shall have had greater experience. Beside the eight violinists, there were Florence Cary on the harp, Marcus Shelley on the cello, and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins at the piano.

The entire group presented a charming scene with their new costumes of white and black, and the performance rivalled that of professional players.

Miss Dae's rendition of "Mighty Like a Rose," and her encore received enthusiastic applause.

Miss Laura McLeod's tap dancing, under the spotlight, was a poem of rhythm and grace and added to the aureole Miss McLeod has previously won.

She was accompanied by Bobbie Burns at the piano, who also rendered two beautiful numbers, "Stardust"—his own arrangement—and "St. Louis Blues."

Randolph Lorenz, introduced by Miss Dae as "the pride of Coquille, the boy with a style all his own," was never in better form. He has improved, both in mannerisms and singing in the last year, and is a decided addition to any program.

As we mentioned last week the members of the violin section are Leonard Ensele, Audrey Aasen, Lyndell Southstone, La Velle Dale, Cherie Mae Hartwell, Dorothy Glaeser, Ann Hawkins and Louise Woodward.

Very good houses greeted the 30 minute program each evening, and those who heard it will welcome an opportunity to do so again.

## Junior Hi B. B. Tournament

A Junior High basketball tournament for Coos county is being sponsored by Coquille Junior High. The preliminary games, with Bandon, North Bend, Bunker Hill, Coos River, Riverton, Powers, Bridge, Coquille, and possibly Arago, participating, will be played in the Coquille Community Building next Saturday morning, March 16, starting at 9 a. m. The eight teams will compete during the day, and leave two games for the following Friday night, March 22, at 7:30 p. m. These two will be the championship game and the consolation game—the losers to the teams which play for the championship.

The trophy for the tournament will be the cup donated by the Hub a couple of years ago, says A. L. Beck, Coquille junior high principal, who is arranging for the tournament.

Tickets for the entire series of games will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

## Jas. E. Posey Dies

Jas. E. Posey, a resident of Coquille and vicinity for the past two decades, passed away at the county farm hospital early yesterday morning. He was about 78 years of age, and was born in Illinois. Very little concerning his past is known, except that he is survived by two brothers and two sisters who reside in the east, C. J. Posey, of Lawrence, Kansas; S. M. Posey, of East St. Louis, Illinois; Mrs. Alice Bosomworth, of O'Fallon, Illinois, and another sister named Hattie, whose address is not known.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. G. A. Gray, Monday at 2 p. m., at the Gano Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

## A Townsend Club Meeting

A large Townsend Club meeting is scheduled to be held in the Coquille Community Building at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, March 18. Rev. J. D. Chappelle, pastor of the North Bend Baptist Church, is to be the speaker. Mr. Chappelle has been speaking three or four nights each week on the subject and is well posted on all details of the old age pension program.

The prospect for a packed building is good, for not since the war has any proposal been advanced which so closely touches all the people and in which so large a percentage of the people have taken an active interest.