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Highway Dike To Be Raised 6 Feet This Year

Will Cost \$150,000 to Raise the Two and One-Third Mile Section of the Coast Highway

Confirming a report heard last week, but which could not be given publication until after the meeting of the state highway commission, it was this week announced that the highway department of the state will this summer raise the level of the dike from the south end of the Coquille river bridge here to the point beyond Fat Elk by six feet.

The distance to be raised is two and a third miles and the cost is estimated at \$150,000. Whether a deep-ditch is to be dug along the river side of the highway or whether it is to be brought by trucks from the hills beyond Fat Elk has not been announced. But however it is done this section of the Coast Highway, will rejoice that this much needed improvement is to be made. It might be that several years would elapse before the dike would be under water four time in one year as it has been since last November, but the highway commission is not going to take any chance that it will not happen again next year.

Funds for the survey have already been allocated and will be provided as needed as the job progresses.

Another point not yet made public is whether a temporary road will be built near the dike, but with a good year-round road down the North Bank from Beaver Hill Junction, it would hardly seem necessary to go to the expense of building a temporary road.

Unemployment Compensation Hearings

Hearings were held in Coquille last Thursday and Friday by A. S. Tussing, chief referee of the Oregon unemployment compensation commission, of the application of 11 men, who went out on strike at the Smith Wood-Products plant last September, that they are entitled to unemployment compensation. If it was a lock-out the men are entitled to compensation; if on a strike, they are not.

Two issues were involved, according to Mr. Tussing, first whether the men were discharged under a closed shop agreement, not being members of the union with which the plant had a contract, and second whether or not the unemployment of the men was due to a stoppage of work at the plant on account of a labor dispute. Men discharged for reasons other than misconduct are eligible for compensation, Mr. Tussing stated.

A decision will be handed down later, the investigator stated, and he indicated some of the eleven would be entitled to compensation.

The men are C. A. Tompson, Paul J. Anderson, Wm. H. Walbert, L. C. Mitchell, Jas. Neff, L. J. Schultz, W. A. Adkins, Jack W. Jones, Thos. A. Gargan, E. W. Keese, and Chas. F. Mitts.

Masonic Grand Master at Bay

Members of Chadwick Lodge and all Masons are invited to attend a meeting of Blanco Lodge in Marshfield tomorrow (Friday) evening, at which time Grand Master Patterson will be present to pay his official visit.

22 Awards Granted 15 Boy Scouts at Court of Honor Tuesday Evening

The American Legion hall at Coquille was the scene of a Boy Scout Court of Honor Tuesday night for Scouts from the two Coquille troops and Bandon troop, when 22 awards were made to 15 boys.

Scoutmaster E. A. Gant, Troop 17, Bandon, presented J. Scott, Gordon Marsh, Jr., Kenneth Ice, and Richard Benetz, as new Tenderfoot scouts upon whom Field Executive R. W. Doman, who acted as clerk of the court, pinned tenderfoot badges. Advancement awards were presented to the following scouts:

For rank of Second class—Charles Thompson, Jack Smiley, Troop 17, Bandon; Billy Alcorn, Keith Jenkins and Theodore Ellingson, Troop 63, Coquille.

Buzz Holmstrom to Bring Boat Home

That staunch boat with which "Buzz" Holmstrom made the first solo trip down the Green and Colorado rivers last fall, is to be on display at Minneapolis, Minn., for a nine-day period, as a part of the Wildlife week program of the Northwest Sportsmen Club of that section.

Accompanied by Thurman Hickam and pulling a trailer which they had just built, "Buzz" left Tuesday evening for Boulder Dam to get the boat. From there they will go to Minneapolis and then home, expecting to be gone about three weeks.

Just what display "Buzz" will make of the boat at the San Francisco fair next year is being discussed by the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. If "Buzz" does not make a concession of it at the fair, the Coquille Chamber are then considering whether to make it a Coquille display or combine it with the display of the boat, of course, to the wishes of the owner. But there is a consensus of opinion that the boat will bring Coquille to the attention of the millions of visitors expected to attend the fair in a more pointed way than anything else that could be shown there.

Nearly 100 Per Cent C. of C. Attendance

The Tuesday noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors found 19 of the 20 directors in attendance, the largest percentage of officers ever to attend one meeting.

In deciding to enter the name of J. E. Norton as a candidate for commissioner of the Port of Bandon, and paying the \$5 fee, the directors were following the precedent of prior years. There are no emoluments of office of any kind, it is a positive expense to be a port commissioner, and until the last day of filing no one had entered his name on either the democratic or republican ticket.

Mr. Norton stated that he would serve, if elected, until the new tug job was completed; then he intended resigning.

Under the agreement between sections of the Port of Bandon, two of the commissioners are named from or near Bandon, two from Coquille section and one from in between.

Three vacancies are to be filled this year. Mr. Norton and J. E. Walstrom, of Bandon, and R. H. Christensen, of the North Bank road, have all filed for the republican nomination.

State Women's Clubs President to Be Here

Mrs. H. C. McIntyre, of Pendleton, state president of the Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon, will be present at the regular session of the Coquille Woman's Club in Guild Hall next Tuesday, April 12, at 2:15 p. m. Following the business session Mrs. McIntyre will make an address which will be followed by a short musical program and the usual serving of refreshments. All members and ladies interested are cordially urged to attend.

Pomona Grange April April 12

The regular meeting of the Coos County Pomona Grange will be held in the North Bayside Hall next Tuesday, April 12, starting at 10:00 a. m., according to E. L. Peterson, Master, who announces a full program of interest to grangers throughout the county.

County Candidates at Primary Next Month

E. L. Clausen Files For Republican Nomination For Commissioner—Six File For Sheriff

Two filings for county commissioner were made just under the wire Monday and their names will appear on the republican ticket, along with W. W. Rhule's for the right to oppose R. H. Lawhorn, democrat, at the November election.

Ernest L. Clausen, prominent Broadbent rancher, who has been making a pronounced success of his farming activities, was finally persuaded by his friends to file as a candidate and he will be a mighty hard man to beat both in May and in November.

The other man, who filed as a republican candidate for county commissioner, was John B. Arnold, of Coquille.

For other county offices, the list of candidates who seek nominations are: Sheriff—Levi L. Bunch, Coquille; Guy A. Cutlip, North Bend, A. M. Willey, Coquille, all republicans; Wm. F. Howell, incumbent, Lane Leneve, Fairview, R. F. Chapman, Marshfield, democrats.

Incumbent, and a republican, is the only one to file on either ticket.

Coroner—Dr. Ennis Keizer, North Bend, republican; W. O. Campbell, Marshfield, democrat.

For Port Commissioners: Port Coquille River—W. C. Stevens, near Myrtle Point; J. N. Gearhart, Dora; A. Bezovsky, Gravel Ford, have all filed for the republican nomination.

Port of Bandon candidates are mentioned elsewhere.

Port of Coos Bay—Claude Naburg, Marshfield, republican; Frank G. Shaw, Marshfield, democrat.

Constable: North Bend No. 1—Dave Adams, republican; Harvey C. Paxon, Al G. Ross, both democrats.

Marshfield No. 2—Tom Coke, dem. Coquille No. 3—G. H. Kolkhorst and E. E. Poulton, both democrats.

Myrtle Point No. 5—Bert Pearson, democrat.

Bandon No. 6—A. G. Erickson, rep. Coquille Justice Peace—Carl M. Mack, republican; C. A. Barton, incumbent Tom Boeke, F. E. McCracken, all as democrats.

Palm Sunday at Pioneer Church

Pioneer church to observe Palm Sunday

The Sunday morning service at Pioneer Methodist Church will be marked by special music, and the choir of 22 members will appear for the first time in their new choir robes. There will be a Processional during which the choir will sing "Crown Him With Many Crowns." They will also sing "Sanctus" by Gounod, and this carries several outstanding solo parts. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Graybeal, has announced his subject for this service will be "The Man Who Is Passing By." There will be instrumental duets by the organ and piano both on the offertory and the choir responses.

The choir, under the direction of Miss Anita Pageler, is also planning to give the Easter Cantata, "The Seven Last Words," on Good Friday evening, April 15, at 8 p. m., at which time there will be several guest singers in addition to the regular members of the choir.

Liberty Theatre to Show 3 Night a Week Only

After this evening's senior class play, "Demon in the Dark," the Liberty Theatre will take the part of the demon and remain dark for four night each week. A double feature program will be shown on Saturday and Sunday evenings at the usual time and on Wednesday the same picture will be shown at the Liberty as at the Roxy. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights the Liberty will not operate for the present, or until the attendance at the Roxy makes it necessary and Coquille again becomes a two-theatre city.

Water To Be Off Sunday

The city water will be off Sunday, April 10, between 2 and 5 p. m., to permit flushing of the mains, Water Superintendent Epperson announces.

Principles Of The Oregon Associated Employers

Fair Play To Employees, Employers and General Public Main Objectives of Association

The Coquille branch of the Associated Employers of Oregon met in the hotel last Friday evening. No business was transacted, the evening being devoted to a discussion mostly of the restaurant employers' proposed alliance with the Coos Bay food dispensers' association.

L. A. Liljeqvist was not able to attend the meeting Friday and final organization of the Coquille branch will await another meeting at a time when he can attend.

The principles of the association are outlined in the five following paragraphs, copied from the Associated Employers' certificate, and they contain nothing which can be construed as a reflection on organized labor, or as in any way opposed to union organization. Fair play is the keynote of the document which lists:

1. To promote industrial peace and to effect and maintain fair and friendly relationships between the employers, employees and the general public;
2. To protect employers and employees from intimidation, illegal or unfair coercion from any persons or group of persons;
3. To protect and assist in protecting members in the exercise of all legal right with relation to their own employees, others, and the general public;
4. To protect employees in their legal right against employers, others, and the general public;
5. To promote the general welfare of the members in their business;
6. To promote, foster and secure the enactment of State and National legislation fair to labor, the employer and the general public.

Highway Association Meeting Postponed Until April 17-18

The semi-annual meeting of the Coast Highway Association, which had been scheduled for April 17-18, has been postponed at the request of Reedport, the host city in co-operation with Gardiner, for a week. The dates for the sessions are Sunday and Monday, April 24-25.

Rotarians Enjoyed Pictures

The Coquille Rotary club was entertained at yesterday noon's luncheon with motion pictures, accompanied by a talking explanation of how fittings, valves and pipe is made in the huge Crane & Co. plant. It was a most enlightening and interesting 35 minutes of entertainment, going, as it did, into all details of manufacture to the finished product.

Softball Meeting Called

Anyone interested in the approaching softball season, which incidentally will be about the only kind of ball Coquille will see this summer, are requested to meet at Stevens Hardware next Tuesday evening, April 12, at 7:30 o'clock. Especially are those asked to attend who may be interested in placing a team in the eight-club league.

A Library Project

A county-wide project for library work began Wednesday morning in the court house. The project is under the WPA and is being supervised by the county school superintendent.

The women are mounting pictures and reinforcing magazines and will later be trained by an expert in repair and recasing of books. After this training, the workers will repair books from loan library in office of county superintendent, after which they will care for the books from districts desiring to send in books. The expense to the district will be that of materials only, since the government pays for the labor.

People having magazines of certain types to donate are asked to get in touch with the office. Those desired are: Geographic magazines and any pertaining to nature, aircraft, mechanics and handicraft and any type of children's magazines.

These magazines will then be repaired and reinforced and loaned to different schools for the use of pupils.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

Queen Announced at Play Tonight

Those who attend the thrilling comedy-mystery, "Demon in the Dark," presented at the Liberty Theatre at eight o'clock this (Thursday) evening will get more than their money's worth. In addition to the play, band concert and dance act, which would constitute a full program, the outcome of the election of the May Queen will be revealed.

The students have elected by individual ballot today seven girls from the senior class. Of these seven, the one receiving the highest number of votes will be acclaimed Queen of the May, the other six being her attendants. The names of the winners will be held in strict secrecy until this evening, when the announcement will be made and the girls introduced to the play audience.

From the following list of thirty-one girls, seven to be honored will be chosen:

Jeanette Alcorn, Janice Anderson, Helen Biasca, Norma Buell, LaVelle Dale, Marjorie Farris, Bonnie Gage, Elaine Gray, Imogene Hickam, Annamae Holverstott, Audrey Judd, Eileen Kendall, Maxine Knight, Virginia LaBranche, Barbara Leslie, Helen Martindale, Emma Frances Mulkey, Catherine Mulvihill, Beverly Norton, Jean Nye, Patricia Peart, Carolyn Perrott, Lucille Riddle, Mary Robb, Leah Rover, Beatrice Sanders, Lorraine Sanders, Betty Sproul, Lucille Sherwood, Faye Sinclair, Margaret Stewart, Frances Sullivan, Wilda Mae Van Meter, Gloria Vocino, Louise Woodyard, Lois Young.

G. F. Gerlach To Be Buried Here Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held here at the Gano Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Friday for George Francis Gerlach, who passed away at Crescent City on Tuesday. He had been on a dairy ranch near Arcata for the past two years. Rev. W. A. Stephens will conduct the services.

Mr. Gerlach, a native Oregonian, had been a resident of Coos county since 1915 and was three months and 29 days past 26 years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. June Marie Gerlach; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gerlach, who live on the Fishtrap road; two brothers, Claude, of Eugene, and Theodore, of Coquille, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bundy and Mrs. Ida Todd, of Coquille, Mrs. Mary Dobbs, of Arcata, Calif.

Father Buried in Portland

Wm. J. Ferbrache left Saturday evening for Portland in response to a telegram that his father, Lincoln R. Ferbrache, had passed away at his home there that afternoon. The deceased, who was 77 years of age, had been a frequent visitor at his son's home here for many years and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, with interment in the Riverview cemetery.

Ralph L. Smith Here Two Days

Ralph L. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo., president of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., was a Coquille visitor a couple of days last week, arriving Thursday and leaving Saturday for Portland. According to Geo. Ulett, the visit was one of Mr. Smith's regular trips to the coast. A noon luncheon was held in the hotel Friday at which the local officers of the company and heads of departments were present with Mr. Smith.

Council Frowns on Raising Dam on Rink Creek—Plan Pumping from North Fork

A. N. Gould's report to the city council on the possible means of increasing the city's water supply, contained the information that the dam east of town was built in 1922 and was capable of storing 38 million gallons water. Stevens & Coon, construction engineers at that time, estimated that to raise the dam ten feet higher than it is now, would impound an additional 24 million gallons.

Mr. Gould advised against raising the dam ten feet and the council agreed that so large an amount of water would prove destructive to life and property down Rink creek should the dam give way, and the idea of a higher dam was dropped. It would cost over \$25,000 to do the work.

City Council Declares Intention To Improve

Eleventh Street Sewer, Widening of Streets Around Court House, Hall and Second Begun

The city council held two sessions this week, one Monday and another Tuesday evening, to consider the plans and specifications submitted by A. N. Gould for WPA projects. But in the case of the 393 foot sewer line on East Eleventh, east from Holly street, on which the surveying was done by J. Loy Stacer, it was decided to call for bids.

His estimate was for a total of \$1261.27, which he stated was high. He estimated the material to be used at about \$650, and stated that if it was made a WPA project, the trucking, supervision and engineering would run it up another \$400. The labor bill on the job, estimated by a WPA engineer, was for \$1363, which would have made the entire cost of the job around \$2400, with the property assessed for only the \$1050. All the WPA labor would be paid by the federal government.

The council decided it would be better, at practically the same cost to the property owners, to have the job done by contract, and finished in two or three weeks, rather than to wait two or three months for a WPA completion.

Mr. Gould's estimate for the widening of Hall and Second streets by taking out the curbs and paving up to the sidewalk on either side of the street, and for removing the curbs and surfacing on the four sides of the court house, on the court house side only, was \$8,680, which would be assessed the property benefited.

The council passed resolutions declaring intention to have both improvements done this summer—the Eleventh street sewer, and the widening of the paving for two blocks on Hall, three blocks on Second and the four blocks around the court house.

If no valid remonstrances are filed within 20 days, the council will be ready to proceed with the improvements, as soon as the WPA blanket application at Washington is approved and the two individual projects have been passed by the Portland office.

Arranging "Good Friday" Music

At eight o'clock in the evening of Good Friday the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" will be presented at the Pioneer Methodist Church under the direction of Miss Anita Pageler. Solos and chorus work of this solemn and dramatic cantata will be altogether in keeping with the day.

To keep the public in mind of the three-hour closing on Good Friday, attention is again called to the fact that on Friday of next week practically every business house in Coquille has agreed to lock its doors between the hours of 12 m. and 3 p. m., in order that everyone may have an opportunity to attend the services in which nearly all the churches of the city will participate. The services will be held in Pioneer Church.

Buy local bread and support home industry.