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## Two School Meetings Scheduled Friday, Monday

### Budget Will Be Voted Upon Tomorrow Evening And Two Directors Next Monday Evening

Two school meetings of district No. 8 are to be held in the next few days. The one to elect two directors is to be held next Monday, June 20, at eight o'clock. The notice calling the meeting also calls for the election of a district clerk, but inasmuch as the district will become one of the first class just as soon as the directors are elected and clerks of first class districts are appointed by the board, that part of the election will be cancelled.

So far as the Coquille Valley is concerned there have been no other suggestions for directors than C. W. Kline and W. E. Bosserman. Both have had experience with the district's budget preparation and each has one or more children in school, although that is not a qualification requirement. The voters could go farther and not find two men as well qualified to act as Messrs. Bosserman or Kline.

The first meeting, for taxpayers only, will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening in the high school at eight o'clock. At that time the budget for 1938-39 is to be considered and voted upon. The budget calls for a total of \$70,950, of which \$16,100 is estimated to be received from other sources, while \$54,850 must be raised by taxation.

Comparison with other year's budgets may be of interest. The 1937-38 was for \$74,216, of which \$59,216 was to be raised by taxation. In 1930-31 the budget was \$71,475.59; raised by taxes \$42,740.59; in 1929-30, budget \$67,616.44, taxes \$42,740.59. Budgeted for bond payment for 1938-39 is \$9,000, but nothing for warrant retirement. In 1937-38 it was \$8,500 for bond and \$10,000 for warrant retirement. The 1930-31 budget was \$20,000 for bonds and \$9,034.68 for warrants; in 1929-30 it was \$2,000 bonds and \$4,000 warrants.

Interest budget for 1938-39 is \$2,172 on the bond debt and \$1,000 on warrants. In 1937-38 the bond interest budget was \$2375 and the warrant interest, \$1,500.

One reason why the 1929-30 tax was so much smaller than it will be for the 1938-39 school year is that in 1929 and 1930 the per capita tax levied by the county was for \$20 while in more recent years it has been only \$10. That makes a difference of \$10,100 in the estimated receipts of the district and increases by that sum the amount that must be raised by taxation.

The total indebtedness for 1938-39 is listed by the clerk at \$72,769.05. In 1937-38 it was \$83,420.04; in 1930-31, \$106,060.40 and in 1929-30, \$108,084.07.

The budget for supervision and teachers, a superintendent and three principals for each of the four periods but with a varying number of teachers is: 1938-39, 26 teachers, \$38,350; 1937-38, 26 teachers, \$36,970; 1930-31, 27 teachers, \$39,744; 1929-30, 24 teachers, \$40,711.

Although this year's budget is \$4,266 less than last year's there is an item in it of \$4,800 for completing and equipping the new gymnasium, something that is absolutely necessary if the gym is to be used for basket ball next winter, or to be seated for any affair which it may be desired to hold there.

The 1929-30 school census showed 664 children in the district with an attendance of 568 in the schools here. Last fall's census showed 1010, with an average daily attendance of 733.

## Attend Daughter's Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Axtell and son, John, left Wednesday morning for Portland, where they will attend the commencement exercises today of Reed college, from which their daughter, Miss Marianne, is one of the graduates. From there they will go to Enterprise in eastern Oregon to attend the Oregon district Lions convention which opens there Sunday. Mr. Axtell will represent the Coquille Lions club and he is also deputy district governor for southwest Oregon.

Miss Bess Maury, worthy matron, and Wm. C. Ulett, worthy patron, Mrs. H. W. Pierce, secretary, and Mrs. Ulett, all of Beulah chapter, O. E. S., left Sunday for Portland to attend the sessions of the grand chapter to be held there this week.

## Ready To Start No. 3 Well

A derrick for the No. 3 well at the Coast Oil Co. location beyond Fat Elk will be completed this week and W. E. Marrion intends to begin drilling that well next week. The new derrick is the most substantial and solid yet built out there, having concrete foundations and heavy timbers.

The No. 2 well has been connected up with the pipe line across the valley in to the gas plant near the Smith mill and the crew has been busy this week testing out the line and repairing the leaks which possibly resulted from last winter's floods.

Mr. Marrion is uncertain when the natural gas from the No. 2 well will be turned into the mains for consumption by the Coquille Gas & Power Co. patrons, although he is positive the well produces more than enough to supply Coquille.

## Five Drowned At Winchester Bay

Five persons lost their lives by drowning in Winchester Bay Thursday noon at 12:30. The dead are: Joyce Pentico, aged 3, of Cottage Grove; Mrs. J. A. Huntsman, 27, and three children, Coda, aged 2; Virginia, aged 7; and Alvin, 9, of Burntwood, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Pentico and two daughters, Evelyn, aged 12, and Joyce; and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huntsman and three children were in a skiff coming into Winchester Bay after a camping trip up the river. Just opposite the point the heavily loaded boat began to ship water, and an effort was made to reach shore. About thirty feet offshore the boat swamped, throwing them all into the water.

Mr. Pentico rescued his wife and older daughter, and returned to the overturned boat and managed to reach his younger daughter, Joyce, and Coda, the two-year-old Huntsman boy. But both children were dead by the time he reached shore. Mr. Huntsman was the only member of his family to reach shore alive, the body of Virginia being picked up a short distance down the beach.—Port Umpqua Courier.

## "In Old Chicago" Here Tonight

Without any advance in prices, and it has been shown at a considerably higher price elsewhere, "In Old Chicago" is coming to the Roxy Theatre this evening for a three-day run. The big fire of half a century ago when the Widow O'Leary's cow started the blaze which wiped out so large a section of that midwest metropolis, is the high light of the film as was the fire which followed the earthquake 32 years ago in the picture "San Francisco."

Coquille has had some disastrous fires itself, especially in its early days, and those who have seen large city fires will enjoy this mammoth picture.

Included in the cast of one thousand are such motion picture stars as Tyrone Power, Alice Brady, Alice Faye, Andy Devine, Don Ameche and many others.

## "Voice of Experience" Coming to Marshfield July 14

M. S. Taylor, whose "Voice of Experience" weekly radio program is one of the leading features on the air, is to lecture in the armory at Marshfield on July 14. Arrangements are being made for the sale of tickets at 55 cents in all the towns in the county.

## Return From Medical School

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamilton arrived home last evening from Milwaukee, Wis., where Earl has just completed his first year in the Marquette Medical School. He has the distinction of being the only student in that school from Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Verrill McCurdy, who went back there on a trip three weeks ago, are now in San Francisco and are expected home tomorrow.

## Dales Moving to Marshfield

The D. D. Dale family this week is moving to Marshfield where he will be associated with the Tower Ford Agency. The hosts of friends that Mr. and Mrs. Dale and LaVelle have made in Coquille most sincerely regret their leaving here, but unite in wishing them well.

## Dr. F. E. Townsend Wins Adherents To Plan Here

### His Program Appeals To Those Who Seek Relief From Excessive Taxation--1200 Heard Him

Could Dr. F. E. Townsend give an address every evening of the week to an audience the size of the one which heard him in the Community Building here last Thursday night and arouse the same interest in the Townsend Plan which he did here, and to a large extent among people who have heretofore scoffed at the plan, it would not be many years before there would be an uprising of the people who would demand in no uncertain terms that the Townsend Plan be put into effect.

His sane, rational and logical presentation of facts and opinions gave his large audience much to think about and many a Coquille business man who had previously given the plan no serious thought has been busy the past week pointing out its merits.

Dr. Townsend talked before the Lions club at its noon luncheon Thursday, with many invited guests filling the dining room, and to 1400 or 1200 people in the evening.

The doctor who looks younger and more vigorous than some of his pictures make him look, was almost fiery at times in his denunciation of the policies of the national administration. Especially was he severe in his denunciation of its agricultural policy which causes farmers to be paid for not raising products for which their land is adapted, and then it is found necessary to ship in from foreign countries the very stuff which the farmer is paid not to raise in the United States.

He told of visiting a breakfast food (Continued Page Eight)

## County C. of C. At Empire, June 27

The regular bi-monthly meeting date of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce was next Monday, June 20, but for the reason that this is school election night in most districts, President Ralph Moore, of Bandon, has postponed the meeting for one week, or until Monday, June 27.

The session will be held at Empire with the Coos Gateway Chamber of Commerce as the host organization.

A fine program has been arranged for the evening, with Dean Packard of the Marine Biological Institute at Coos Bay as the principal speaker. It is hoped that each chamber in the county will be well represented at the meeting.

## Greenlee Starts For Mississippi

The sheriff and district attorney of Lincoln county, Mississippi, arrived here yesterday morning and when they departed were accompanied by James Walter Greenlee, the man who got into trouble here a couple of weeks ago by writing bad checks, and upon being arrested confessed to murder last year in Mississippi. He has never denied shooting the man who broke up his home, but insists that he be tried for the killing and not kept in an insane asylum as he was before he escaped and came to Oregon.

## Masons Confer Third Degree

There was a large attendance in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening when Kenneth Graham, of Southwestern Motors, received the Master Mason degree. Following the business session and the conferring of the degree, those present enjoyed a feed in the banquet room. Several Masons from Myrtle Point were down for the occasion.

## Daughters Sponsoring Show

The girls of Coquille Bethel, Job's Daughters, are selling tickets for the Mark Twain story, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," which is to be shown at the Roxy Theatre, June 30, July 1 and 2. It is one of the feature attractions coming to the Roxy this month, and those contemplating seeing it, are requested to secure their ticket from one of the girls. The Bethel will receive a percentage on each ticket the girls sell.

## Mrs. Leona Bryant Chosen State B. P. W. Head

### Mrs. Harriet Osika Also Elected As Recording Secretary For The State Organization Friday

Mrs. Leona Bryant, of Coquille, was unanimously chosen as state president of the Federated Business and Professional Women's Clubs at the state convention held in McMinnville last week-end, starting Friday and ending Sunday morning.

Another Coquille member, Mrs. Harriet Osika, was also elected to a state office, that of corresponding secretary, while Mrs. Elda Koontz, of Marshfield, was chosen as state

The sessions were exceedingly well attended, there being 100 members



MRS. LEONA BRYANT

present at the Friday luncheon, 375 at the Saturday evening banquet and 275 at the Sunday breakfast at Dorchester House.

Klamath Falls won the mileage trophy, the aggregate of miles traveled by each member attending. Their total stood at 9423 miles—one way. Medford was second with 2192 miles, and Coquille a close third with 2189 miles.

Altogether it was a full two days of business, excellent addresses, banquets, luncheons, etc., and the Coquille members felt it to be a very fine session.

Eleven were present from Coquille—Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Osika, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Viola Newton, Mrs. Georgia Richmond, Mrs. Edith Walton, Mrs. Marian Endicott and Misses Inez Rover, Myrtle DeLong, Catherine Barker and Ida Oerding. They all returned home Sunday.

## Returned Missionary At Assembly of God

Rev. Harold H. Robertson, widely traveled Baptist missionary and a former newspaper man of extensive experience, is speaking at the Assembly of God Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. His subject tonight (Thursday) is "Hollywood from the Inside" and is his view of the motion picture industry from information gained and opinions formed while public relations counsel for some of the larger companies. Friday night his subject will be "Rattlesnakes for Supper," a sermon illustrated by experiences from fifteen trips around the world.

The Sunday night service at the Assembly of God Church is to be emphasized by a "Song Festival." New song books have been purchased and the newer songs will be sung and acquaintance with some of the older ones renewed. Orchestra and choir will be assisting in the program. Rev. R. D. E. Smith, pastor of the church, will be speaking on the subject, "God Keeps Books."

## Tennis Court Site to Be Discussed Friday

The Coquille Park Commission will hold a meeting in the city hall at eight o'clock Friday evening to consider the application of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for permission to lay out a tennis court in Myrtle Park and make a permanent court there. Any one desiring to favor or to oppose the application is invited to attend and present his or her views on the subject.

## Contract Let For Raising The Dike

Work on the raising of the Coquille dike section of the Coast Highway, by six feet or more, will start in the very near future, the State Highway Commission having let a contract yesterday for the raising and surfacing of the two-mile and over distance.

Burke Bros., Portland contractors, were awarded the job, their bid being for \$136,314, considerably less than the estimated cost as published some weeks ago.

The earth for the fill will come off the high points just this side of the Hathaway place and beyond the Jos. Collier place, permitting new construction at those points to reduce the angle of two curves, the lower one almost a right-angled turn.

## Coos Pioneer Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries at 1:30 p. m. yesterday by Rev. H. L. Graybeal, for Mrs. Lydia Margaret Hultin, who passed away at her home in the north part of Coquille at one p. m. Monday. Interment was in the family burial plot at Randolph.

Mrs. Hultin was born Lydia Margaret Thrush at Lorraine, Ore., Aug. 20, 1858. She came to Coos county when a girl of eight, and on May 16, 1877, was united in marriage to A. H. Hultin at Randolph. He passed away in July, 1911.

She is survived by a daughter and three sons, Mrs. W. G. Mehl, Roy and Jack Hultin, all of Coquille, and A. R. Hultin, of Randolph.

## Primary Election Cost \$4,394.55

Figures compiled by Deputy County Clerk Jno. W. Leneve show that the primary election last month and for all expenses since Jan. 1, for registration, totalled \$4,394.55, a larger figure than an election has ever cost Coos county in the past.

As segregated, the itemized disbursements showed \$2,044 for judges and clerks, \$245.50 for rentals, \$1,578.69 for ballots and envelopes, \$108.30 for clerical work, \$253.70 for registering voters, \$87.20 for telephone and postage, \$77.16 for other supplies.

## More Street Widening To Be Asked

It is reported that a petition is to be presented at the next council meeting for widening the paving on Taylor street—the highway—between Second and Third streets. If it is done it will be as a WPA project with the abutting property paying for the material. Such an improvement would be of great benefit in reducing the angle of the highway jog at Second street. Practically all of the property owners are in favor of the improvement.

## It Was Only A Sprinkle

A slight sprinkle last night and this morning would be still more welcome if it would develop into a 24-hour downpour and benefit gardens and lawns. Farmers, too, would greatly appreciate a good rain at this time.

## Ray Gill, Re-elected Master

By a vote of 444 to 22 at Klamath Falls yesterday, Ray W. Gill, of Portland, was re-elected master of the state Grange. Corvallis was selected as the city in which the 1939 convention will be held.

## Geo. H. Chaney Tells Rotary Club Of His Trip Around The U. S.

Geo. H. Chaney, who has just returned from a thirteen-thousand mile trip practically encircling the United States was the featured speaker Wednesday noon at the Rotary Club luncheon. George told of his varied experiences in visiting Rotary clubs on his trip and described the different types of programs put on by the clubs. He also told of his stay of several days in Washington, D. C., and his visits to both houses of Congress. In his efforts to get a line on the prospects for a federal building for Coquille, he found that there would

## A Trusted Employee of Southwestern Motors in Toils

### Bob Head, Liked By All Who Knew Him, Held Under \$3,000 Bonds for Grand Larceny

Bob Head, whose name appears on the blotter in the sheriff's office as Robert Cary Head, a previously trusted employee of the Southwestern Motors, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Justice Dodge at Myrtle Point on a grand larceny charge and his bonds set at \$3,000.

Head admits taking an electric drill which belonged to the Southwestern and an electric sanding machine which formerly belonged to the Haynes Motor Co., of which C. A. Barton is receiver.

A lot of stuff which has mysteriously disappeared over a period of years from the Southwestern Motors garages was being sought yesterday by Paul McElwain and Cliff Gulseth in southern Douglas county, but they could locate nothing.

Head's arrest was the result of his taking a barrel of asphalt from the state highway gravel yard, beyond the J. N. Jacobsen place on the Myrtle Point highway, a week ago.

He had had the help of a young boy here in Coquille and the father of the lad reported it to the state police. He also gave information, whether it can be proved or not, as to the great amount of Head's thefts which included radios, batteries, tires, garage equipment, and other stuff from the Southwestern.

Head was arrested about 11:30 Tuesday night and confessed to taking the electric drill and sander.

The boy who assisted him with the asphalt theft was paroled by Justice Clarence Barton yesterday.

It was a stunning blow to all those connected with the Southwestern, as well as to his many friends here, to learn that he was guilty of even the thefts he has confessed.

## Coquille Grange News

The Coquille Grange met for its regular business meeting Friday evening. Mrs. Halter received the fourth degree obligation. A resume of legislative measures was read and discussed. The third and fourth degrees will be put on Friday evening, June 24.

The lecture hour consisted of musical selections and games.

The June 24 meeting promises to be very entertaining. All members are urged to attend.

## To Attend T. B. Meeting at L. A.

Mrs. Elbert Schroeder, president of the Coos County Health Association, and Mrs. Eugene E. Laird, of Myrtle Point, its treasurer, will accompany Mr. Schroeder when he leaves for the Rotary convention in San Francisco tomorrow. The ladies will go on south to Los Angeles to attend the National Tuberculosis Association meeting there next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Stanley Phillips, of Myrtle Point, will be in charge of Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here during Elbert's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Claterbos and daughter, Jeanne, returned Tuesday evening from their vacation trip to northeastern Oregon, southern Washington, Portland, and Corvallis, where he attended the states bankers' convention.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Earl Wilson left last Friday on a ten-day trip to San Francisco, expecting to return the fore part of next week.