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### COQUILLE NEEDS A SWIMMING POOL

Two suggestions for improvement of Coquille recreational advantages have been made at the Chamber of Commerce meetings recently. One was that a swimming pool or natatorium, should be provided, and the other along the same line, a playground for youngsters. Both are essential in a town the size of Coquille.

A. N. Gould made the suggestion for a swimming pool at both C. of C. and Rotary meetings and each organization approves the idea if it can be worked out. The idea was that a tank could be secured for 75 per cent of the cost, which has been roughly set at \$25,000.

That the city would be in a position to finance the 25 per cent of the cost is a matter for discussion, but the need is most evident.

The general idea was that it might be turned over to some one to operate. Health department rules make it necessary to have an attendant at the pool at all times it is in use, the water must be changed frequently, and other requirements add an expense for operation.

The chamber directors asked Mr. Gould to secure estimates in cost and operation before deciding whether to get behind the suggestions and make a project of it.

### Fragments

**BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS**  
"The sovereign is called a tyrant who knows no law but his caprice."  
Voltaire.

When President Roosevelt stated last week that the "most salient feature" of the report of his commission which studied labor relations in Great Britain was "the co-operative spirit coupled with restraint which is shown by those who represent employers and employees," he attempts to confuse the uninformed with a one-sided picture. If he had gone on to say that the "restraint" was enforced by law, it would have been a truer presentation of facts. A general strike is outlawed in England and the unions are forced to accept other legal responsibilities and restrictions.

We do not wish to be cynical but experience is teaching us to take with a grain of salt the public utterances of any ruler, mad with power. For instance, we only need to recall the manifesto read by Hitler just a year ago at Nuremberg in which he said that Japan, Italy and Germany were linked to safeguard Europe "from chaotic madness." And yet today, one year later, it is the Japanese soldier in China, the Italian soldier in Spain and the threat of the German soldier in Czechoslovakia that is causing all the chaos in the world.

Land of the free and home of the brave: Let us keep it so! It makes one hear back to read of the persecution of minorities in the dictator-ruled countries. The Russian purges are terrible enough but when Hitler deliberately attempts to exterminate a portion of the German population, one doubts his sanity. Not only is he sowing seeds of intolerance and mass hatred among his own favored "Aryans," which may prove a boom-erang which in time will turn and rend him, himself, but he is denying the Jewish element of the people he dominates the right to develop their talents and continue their gifts to the fatherland.

Germany and Austria formerly held an enviable position in the world. Their great universities which were staffed by many Jewish professors, attracted students from all other countries. The inventions and discoveries in the realm of medicine, as well as physics and other sciences, which placed these countries in the forefront in education, were often made by members of the Jewish race. To state it baldly, Hitler is killing the geese that laid the golden eggs.

There's no great loss without some small gain and even a dictator is sometimes a benefactor. When Mussolini, in a pet, ordered that no more

auto horns be blown in Rome, he did so because his own nerves were on edge from the raucous noise accompanying the motor traffic. And mark you well, when the drivers in that city ceased to blare at everyone else to get out of their way, the accidents there decreased. It has been advised in safety first rules to depend more on your brakes and less on your horn but little has been done to enforce such good manners on the public. The time will come, however, when it will be as rude to honk at another to get out of one's way as it is now to yell at anyone who treads on your toes and when that time comes, most of our traffic accidents will be a thing of the past.



The state emergency board meeting here this week authorized the Board of Control to spend \$10,500 in the purchase of a site for the new heating plant to serve the capitol group of buildings. Negotiations are now under way for purchase of a tract 147 by 180 feet at Twelfth and Ferry streets. The expense of constructing a trench 1340 feet long to carry the steam pipes from the new plant to the capitol group is estimated at \$20,000 and will be borne by the Capitol Commission, as also will the cost of constructing and equipping the new plant estimated at \$110,000 of which 45 per cent will be contributed by FWA. Plans for the new plant must be in the hands of the Public Works Administrator by September 14 and actual construction must be under way a month later in order to save the federal grant.

The reserve in the unemployment compensation trust fund now exceeds \$5,000,000, according to D. A. Bulsore, Oregon administrator of the fund, and is still growing. It is expected that the reserve will have been built up by January 1 to the \$6,000,000 where it stood when benefit payments began the first of the year. Heavy withdrawals at the outset of the benefit payment period materially reduced the trust fund but contributions have been exceeding payments for several months now. Since the Oregon commission began operating in November, 1935, employers have paid in a total of more than \$9,500,000 to the fund. Since benefit payments began last January unemployed workers have drawn \$4,718,392 out of the fund. Administration costs to August 30 amounted to \$699,291.53.

When the last legislature appointed an interim committee to make a study of the teachers' retirement problem it failed to provide any appropriation to cover expenses incurred by the committee. Therefore the committee can not function. This was revealed here this week by a member of the committee which consists of Senator George T. Eays, of Portland, and Representatives E. W. Kimberling, of Prairie City, and Grace Kent Magruder, of Clatskanie. The committee was to report back to the 1939 session.

Considerable interest is being manifested in a complaint filed with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission this week by the Salem Electric Co-operative association. The co-operative organization of Salem business men recently applied to the Portland General Electric company for a large block of electricity to be delivered at a very low power rate. The utility turned the application down on the ground that the group was not entitled to this rate. Now the association has appealed to the utilities commissioner, charging that the electric company is discriminating against them. The situation is admittedly a new one in the experience of Oregon officials.

Tough times lie in wait for Oregon's lawmakers, in the opinion of State Senator Dean Walker of Polk county, veteran legislator and senior chairman of the joint ways and means committee. The budget balancing act to be featured by the next session will be well worth watching, according to the Polk county solon.

Senator Walker's concern is occasioned by reports of increased demands on the public purse, especially for relief and higher education.

Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, told Governor Martin this week that approximately \$30,000,000 would be required to meet relief needs in Oregon during the next biennium. Much of the increase in this load is due to the greater number of old pension beneficiaries admitted under the lower age requirement. Of the total amount needed the state will be required to finance one-third, or \$10,000,000. That is nearly double the amount the state is spending for

all relief needs this biennium. Simultaneously with Goudy's announcement of the increase in relief needs came an announcement from Arthur McMahan, chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, to the effect that liquor consumption in this state had about reached its peak. Incidentally liquor profits have also reached their peak since any attempt to increase the price would only encourage bootlegging. Oregon will realize approximately \$5,000,000 in profits from its liquor monopoly this biennium. If no greater profit can be realized during the next biennium it means that Oregon must look to some other source for the additional \$5,000,000 which will be required to finance relief.

Requirements for higher education in Oregon will also be greater next biennium due to a materially increased enrollment, especially at the college and university. However, the increase will not be as great as the \$3,000,000 erroneously reported by some sources last week. A statement this week by Chancellor Hunter says that higher education will ask for \$684,335 in addition to the millage revenues. That will mean an increase of approximately \$738,000 over the state's contribution to higher education for the current biennium.

Suit to restrain Secretary of State Snell from placing on the November ballot a measure designed to prohibit the use of fixed fishing gear on the coast of Marion county this week. The complaint, filed by a group of lower Columbia river fishermen, alleges that many of the petition sheets were verified by others than the circulators, that notarial signatures were forged and that 8000 signatures were secured by paid circulators in violation of the law.

The Capitol Reconstruction commission has refused to postpone dedication of the new state house until January in order to accommodate members of the legislature and is proceeding with plans for the dedication on October 1, as previously announced. The bronze statue of the Oregon pioneer which will surmount the cylindrical dome of the capitol was shipped from New York on August 12 and is expected to be in place in time for the dedication.

More than \$1,500,000 a year is now being spent by the state highway commission in construction and maintenance of city streets, it was pointed out this week. Friends of the state highway fund are preparing to resist the demands of the League of Oregon Cities for an additional seven per cent cut out of the highway revenues, which, they claim, would seriously curtail the state highway program and result in the loss of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 a year in federal aid funds through inability of the state to match these grants.

### 4-H Clubbers Getting Ready For The Fair

Four-H club members of Coos county, who are planning to exhibit at the County Fair in Myrtle Point from September 14 to 17, are getting their exhibits into final shape for entry on the first day of the fair, September 14. For entering judging or demonstration contests, boys and girls should register at the county agent's office.

Girls who are planning to enter the Style Dress Revue or the Dollar Dinner contest should notify the home demonstration agent before September 10, so that additional information may be given and that preparations may be made. All 4-H members taking part in the fair should have their record books accompanying the exhibit unless they have been previously turned in to the county agent's office.

While prizes and scholarships are not in themselves the goal of this exhibition in 4-H club work, the summer school scholarships often enable members to spend two weeks in June at Corvallis in the 4-H summer school, where other members from all over the state gather to attend classes in home economics and agricultural subjects and to participate in many social and athletic activities.

Record books must be completed and accompany the exhibits unless they have been turned in previously. After exhibiting, members are eligible for their 4-H pins according to the number of years of club work they have completed.

New 4-H groups are organized in the fall and any persons interested in joining or organizing clubs are invited to get information from Julia Bennett, for home economics clubs, or George Jenkins for agricultural clubs.

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### Rural Teachers Met In Coquille Saturday

#### Teachers To Stimulate Spiritual Side

About 85 rural teachers gathered for the pre-school meeting Saturday morning. Throughout the program emphasis was placed upon the need for developing the spiritual side of the child. Teachers were encouraged to give more and more functional material, even though it means a sacrifice in teaching some technical subject matter. The latter is very shortly forgotten by the child anyway. As long as the United States ranks as having a very high percentage of crime in comparison with other civilized countries there is a definite challenge to schools, homes and other agencies to see that improvements be made. Mrs. Laura Brandon, president of rural teachers, in her opening welcome to teachers, emphasized the importance of knowing the child and helping him to adjust.

In obtaining this, teachers were encouraged to co-operate with all available agencies. Dr. Coyle, county health doctor, told of what was available to the schools through his department; in examining children who are not physically fit or otherwise handicapped. He also spoke of the necessity of control of sanitation. Miss Bennett, home demonstration agent, offered helpful suggestions through recreation, and 4-H. She also mentioned the county library's radio programs, which will begin in October and close in April. These lectures will be given over KOAC and reproduced over KOOS. Miss Bennett suggested that clubs and parent groups plan to listen in as Mrs. Montgomery is thoroughly prepared to discuss child problems.

Mrs. Susie B. Emmons, rural supervisor of Multnomah county, emphasized the fact that children in school should not be encouraged to do right because of approval of parents, teachers, school mates, etc., but because of it being the right thing to do.

The nominating committee made up of Mrs. Mary Monson, Lakeside, Miss Ann Allard, Riverton, and Miss Cherie Mae Hartwell, Bridge, recommended that all members of executive committee be raised to a higher office and that new selection be made for secretary-treasurer. Ida Oerding, of Gravel Ford, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The committee in charge of the Saturday program was as follows: Mrs. Laura Brandon, president rural teachers, 1937-38; Mrs. Lillian Hines, Mrs. Cora Mackey, C. E. Ellison and Mrs. Martha E. Mulkey.

After lunch Mrs. Emmons and the county school superintendent met with the beginning teachers and took up points which particularly confront young teachers. Mrs. Emmons made a suggestion which might prove helpful in rural schools in Coos county when she stated that in Multnomah county the rural school boards do not admit first graders until the beginning of the second week of school. After the school is well under way, the teacher has time to start first graders in correctly instead of having them form the undesirable habits which they often do when teachers are so crowded for time.

### Ballot Measures Analyzed

By A. L. Linbeck  
State Capital News Bureau

This is the second of the anti-slot machine bills to appear on the November ballot. This measure, like the other one previously described, was passed by the legislative session of 1937 and was then attacked in a referendum sponsored by Oscar T. Olsen, of Portland, and others.

The measure, sponsored by Representative Hannah Martin, of Salem, would make it unlawful to license, possess, display, operate or play, any game of chance such as slot machines, dart games, pinball games and similar devices when operated for profit, either in cash, merchandise or other thing of value, whether involving an element of skill or not. It would repeal the present statute which purports to authorize the licensing of such games. Violation of its provisions would be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or a jail sentence of not more than 90 days. Sheriffs and other peace officers would be required to confiscate and destroy any games or devices involved in violation of the act.

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