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Coos County Tax To Be Half A Mill Lower Next Year

Budget Set By Committee Is \$602,991 Or \$7,189 Less Than Last Year's—Hearing Dec. 1

That Coos county's tax levy will be one-half mill less in 1934 than it was this year, at 24.1 mills, was the statement yesterday of Auditor W. E. Wann, who is preparing the 1934 budget for publication following the adoption last week-end by the county budget committee.

The total to be raised by taxation for all county purposes is set at \$602,991, where it was \$610,180 last year, a drop of \$7,189.

The total budget adopted by the committee, which will come before the public hearing on Dec. 1, is \$602,991, of which amount \$128,398.71 is expected to be received from sources other than taxation.

The general fund budget for 1934 is set at \$522,193.10; the general fund set at \$119,302.53; the bridge fund at \$38,900; and the market road fund at \$50,000.

Of the general fund budget, \$112,000.00 is listed for bond redemption; \$34,490 for interest on bonds, and \$12,000 for interest on warrants.

The county school fund, at \$10 per capita, is figured at \$65,890, while the elementary school fund is set at \$43,385.70.

The general road fund allotment of \$119,302.53 is \$45,643.41 less than the 1933 budget of \$164,945.93.

This year's general fund budget requirements was set a year ago at \$631,866.90, which is \$6,700 more than the allocation for next year.

Final Gym Contracts Awarded This Week

The chairman of school district No. 8, held two sessions this week to award contracts for completing and equipping the new gym, the total cost of which, when finished, will be \$61,339, of which \$23,782 is a PWA grant.

S. L. Godard, of Cottage Grove, with a bid of \$6,000, was the lowest of four bids opened Monday. His contract is for completing the stage, finishing and plastering the auditorium and basement, and for a part of the knockdown bleachers.

Of the four bids for equipping the stage, that of J. K. Gill Co., of Portland, was the lowest at \$747. That company was also low for the folding bleachers under the balcony. The figure for those was \$1354.

The award for lockers and baskets went to the Northern School Supply Co. at \$1,104.50, while the miscellaneous gym equipment contract was awarded Otto Cook at \$280.

That the gym will be entirely finished in time for the basketball tournament next March, if it is decided to hold it here, now seems to be assured.

In Hospital As Result of Overturn

Stanley Marrion, son of W. E. Marrion of the Coast Oil Co., was quite severely injured Saturday night when the car in which he was riding with Jas. K. Miller, of this city, overturned on the straightaway, half a mile this side of Bunker Hill. In passing another car the Miller car hit soft shoulders and turned over.

Stanley was taken to the Keizer hospital for treatment and operation. He suffered a torn muscle in his leg, a broken arm and face lacerations, and will be in the hospital for two or three weeks. Only bruises and cuts were suffered by Miller.

NEW BELL IN CHURCH

Townsmen heard the chimes of a new bell in the city of Coquille Monday afternoon as the bell of the Episcopal church at Third and Elliott streets was in place and on trial. A clear, melodious chime is recorded by the bell with each stroke which will add musically to the Sunday morning chorus of Coquille's many fine churches.

According to Rev. Geo. R. Turney, pastor, the renovation of the church will be complete in about ten days and the new addition and complete remodeling of the interior will be features highly appreciated by the many devotees of this faith as well as visitors who attend.

Engineer Firm Is In Complete Charge

An executive session of the city council was held Monday evening in the recorder's office with Mayor Rankin and all councilmen present. J. C. Stevens, whose firm, Stevens & Koon, are consulting engineers for the raising of the Rink creek dam, was the only other person present at the meeting.

After a thorough discussion, the councilmen all agreed that the wisest thing to do was to turn the entire project over to Stevens & Koon and hold them responsible for a satisfactory job.

For the \$300 a month the council agreed to pay, the engineering firm will place an engineer and inspector on the job—to boss it in other words—and that amount will pay his salary and all expenses of Mr. Stevens for trips to Coquille, telephone and telegraph charges. The engineer is to be in constant contact with the city engineer, which was made last summer for the engineering and general supervision, but the council feels that the new arrangement will be a money-saver and provide a more satisfactory job.

Wreck Last Sunday Was Not Serious

A Washington car was involved in a wreck about 1:30 Sunday afternoon, in which the car of L. H. Heaton, of this city, was also implicated. Adrian Campbell was driving the Heaton car and they had passed the Shell service station at Johnson Mill and on the straightaway this side of there, Mr. Campbell started to pass the car ahead. Just as he pulled out another car rounded the curve ahead and he pulled back behind the car going the same direction. But the wheels skidded slightly on the wet pavement and when the Washington car reached them the Heaton car was at a diagonal, mostly on the right side of the pavement. The Washington car passed between it and the hill top and barely touched the Heaton car fender. Thirty feet further on it started to leave the pavement and 80 feet further was stopped by brush about six feet off the highway.

In passing under a leaning telephone pole one corner of the car hit, breaking glass and denting the body.

Mr. Heaton and Mr. Campbell immediately went to their assistance but there were none of the five seriously injured. The car belonged to Earl Jardean, of Tacoma, it is reported.

Messrs. Heaton and Campbell are both associated with the Western Mercantile Agency here.

Brought To County Jail

Geo. L. Cook was brought over from North Bend last Saturday, having been bound over to the grand jury on the charge of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon. He had threatened his wife with a knife.

Fred Bothwell was lodged in jail last Saturday, the commitment being ordered in J. P. court, No. 6, for his failure to pay a \$50 fine previously imposed.

Fred Ingson was brought over from Marshfield yesterday, having been found guilty in Justice Bolt's court of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$100 and given 60 days in jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Compton accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart and Mrs. Geo. Ulett drove out to Corvallis Saturday to visit Margaret Stewart and Dorris and Marilyn Compton. Mr. and Mrs. Compton went on to Lebanon to visit Lefe's folks while Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Margaret went to Albany to visit relatives. Geo. Ulett, returning from the east, drove to Corvallis and brought Mrs. Ulett to Coquille. The others returned Sunday.

Jr. Chamber Meeting

Members of the Coquille Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet at the city hall next Monday evening, November 7, in a regular session. A report on the Christmas trade program will be heard by the group and some definite course of action decided.

Ross - Kight

Miss Perna Kight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kight of Riverton, and Mr. Don Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ross of this city, were married in Vancouver, Washington, last Saturday. Mrs. Ross accompanied the couple to Vancouver.

State, County, City Election Holds Interest This Week

Sharp Race Expected For Sheriff Post—Clausen And Lawhorn Also Close—City Election Promises Action—Dr. Milne And Frank Lealle Only Candidates Certain Of Being Elected

Coos county voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to cast their ballots for national, state and county officials; and, in Coquille, a new city administration will be named.

In the county election, there are only two offices for which keen competition is evident, that for sheriff and county commissioner, each for a four-year term. The race between Levi Bunch, republican, and incumbent democratic nominee "Bill-Dad" Howell is one that is hardly predictable at this time.

E. L. Clausen, Broadbent creamery owner, is the republican candidate for county court position on the republican ticket against R. H. Lawhorn, democratic incumbent. Charles Stauff, present county treasurer, is running without opposition and his election is conceded.

In a three-way race for justice of the peace in this district No. 3, Clarence A. Barton, incumbent and democratic nominee, Carl M. Mash, republican, and Fred Bull, independent, are each making a strong campaign, with the voters having the result in their hands next Tuesday.

Three Pled Guilty To Serious Charges

Last Friday three men pleaded guilty in circuit court to the charges preferred against them. Eric Johnson, 77, of the Parkersburg neighborhood, was arrested last Thursday, after the local state police, Lt. Sam Malhorn and H. H. Pomeroy had completed their investigation of the burning of the Mabel M. Ken house in that section, which was arranged by Peter Cochran and Geo. Miller. The elderly fire bug has not yet been sentenced.

Elmer A. Davis, who has spent considerable time behind prison bars, was sentenced to six years in the pen for stealing a car at Marshfield last week.

Nelson Geer pleaded guilty to sabotage. His offense was attempting to sink a barge on Coos Bay belonging to the Mt. States Power Co. He was sentenced to the pen for eight months.

His employer, Mike Skorenko, of Marshfield, was implicated in Geer's confession and is being held in the county jail, but he denies any complicity in the crime.

Coos-County Teachers Institute Friday

There has been a slight change in the county institute schedule due to the cancellation of their program by the Swiss Family Fraunfelder, yodelers. The regular program will close fifteen minutes earlier in the afternoon than formerly scheduled but after this time, Richard Hughes of Harding building, Marshfield, will run a second picture entitled, "Alaska's Silver Millions," for those who are interested. This is considered one of the very finest of sound films and will be of great interest.

The institute program will formally begin at 9:00 a. m. Friday, November 4, with a band concert led by W. C. German, director of Marshfield high school band.

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, is scheduled as the first speaker. Many persons will take part in the institute program but the only other out-of-county speakers are Miss Harriet Long, state librarian, and Dr. Frank W. Hart, University of California. The public is invited to attend any or all of the program.

Thunder, Lighting Here Monday Night

A novelty to this coast section was the thunder and lightning which began in the evening Monday and repeated with heavier cannoning after midnight. Such disturbances are not unusual east of the mountains but they are here.

November gives promise of being a very wet month. The October rainfall was over 4½ inches and the three days so far in November have each increased that total.

Voters will also pass upon the candidates of Willis Mahoney, (D), and Rufus Holman, (R), for senator; as well as Charles Sprague, (R), and Henry Hess, (D), for the governorship.

In the city election of Coquille, Dr. Ralph F. Milne is the mayoral candidate on both tickets in the field and his election is sure. Likewise F. G. Lealle, city recorder, is also named on both tickets and is sure of reelection.

But the race for council posts seems to be a close one, but if all the voters in Coquille will turn out and vote the business man's ticket has the edge.

In the race for council positions on the business men's ticket are Geo. W. Bryant, Geo. W. Taylor and Fred Jensen, for the four year terms, and M. F. Pettit for the two-year.

Opposing them are Everett Seelye, Dr. Jas. Richmond and Geo. W. Swinney, four-year terms, and T. S. Harrington, two-year term.

Carl Ronning To Receive Compensation

The case of Carl Ronning, who suffered a broken back when the porch at the Quick apartments gave way on the 30th of last May, against the State Industrial Accident Commission, was on trial in Circuit court this week and ended when Judge Brand instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the plaintiff by remanding his application for compensation to the S. I. A. C. Commission was stayed but the commission's attorney agreed to the directed verdict which means that Ronning will receive compensation.

Another case against the S. I. A. C. was that of C. C. Hennicut, of Roseburg, who was awarded a verdict by the jury. He is a truck driver but was walking on a slippery hillside with his wife when he fell and injured his back.

Judge Brand had not rendered his decision yesterday in the case of Grover McQuigg against the S. I. A. C. which was heard without a jury. Mr. McQuigg was injured while working at the Smith Wood-Products plant.

Armistice Game To Be At 10 A. M.

The Coquille Red Devils will play their last game of the 1933 season at Myrtle Point with the Bobcats at 10 a. m. Friday of next week—Armistice Day. The change from a 2 p. m. hour to 10 a. m., was made in order that the services of Hod Turner, of Roseburg, might be secured as referee, and also to enable those who wished to see the North Bend-Marshfield game in the afternoon an opportunity to do so.

Hits Trailer Car

Cliff Brockmann drove his car into the back of a trailer stalled on Johnson hill of the Myrtle Point highway Sunday evening just after dark when he failed to see the flagman in advance of the trailer which was stalled in the center of the highway at that point around a curve in the road.

The trailer was pretty badly damaged as Brockmann drove his car with sufficient force to imbed the motor head into the back of the trailer and Brockmann's car was also damaged considerably. He was not injured but his nine-year old son suffered deep cuts from glass and impact at the time of the crash.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stilson were guests the past week at the home of her brother, F. E. Rigby, arriving here last Wednesday from Salbo in the Canal zone, where they had spent the past twelve years.

You can tell it is raining in Coquille these days by the way the plaster falls from the ceiling in several business houses and the pots placed at "strategic" points to catch the drippings.

Passes At Four Score And One

Mrs. Anna A. Swinney, mother of George W. Swinney who has made her home here with her son for the past seven and one-half years, passed away at his home on Moulton street last Sunday night, at the age of 81 years, two months and seven days. She had been in a serious condition for the previous two or three weeks, and had been ill for eight months, after suffering a slight heart attack.

Funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, T. B. MacDonald, of Fort Orford, officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Born Anna A. Bowman, Aug. 23, 1857, in Butler, Missouri, she deceased was united in marriage to Vincent B. Swinney, in Peculiar, Mo., Aug. 8, 1880. They went to La Fontaine, Kansas, where they resided for five years, and after three years in western Kansas, came to Oregon in May, 1888, locating at Forest Grove, and later at Gales Creek. After ten years in Oregon they spent the next nine in Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico and California, and then returned to Oregon in 1908. Mr. Swinney passed away in Portland, Sept. 23, 1924.

Left to mourn the loss of a mother who was everything a mother should be to them are two sons and three daughters, Geo. W. Swinney, of Coquille; Chauncey B. Swinney, of Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Viola B. Boggs, of Medford, Ore.; Mrs. Vada F. Banfield, of Portland, and Mrs. Florence M. Tussing, of Jeannette, Penn.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Charlotte B. Pick, of South Bellingham, Wash., fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Everett O., and a daughter, Eva C., preceded her in death, in 1899 and 1900 respectively.

C. of C. To Elect Tues., November 29

Geo. E. Griffith, head of the forestry service's division of education and information, has been invited to speak, and has accepted, at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce annual meeting which the directors, Tuesday noon, set for the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 29. Those who heard Mr. Griffith at the Coast Highway association meeting in North Bend recently were most enthusiastic in seeking to hear him again.

The annual election of officers of the chamber will be held at that time and from present indications Harry L. Claterbos is to be drafted to serve as president, succeeding J. L. Stevens, who has served for the past two years.

Two Coquille Boys Honored at O.S.C.

Two Coquille men at Oregon State College have been selected to receive freshman Phi Kappa Phi awards in recognition of excellent work done their first year in school. Those chosen are Frank Biasca, sophomore in engineering, and Robert McGilvery, sophomore in lower division.

This distinction is given to students who have been enrolled in a regular freshman course and have completed 45 or more term hours during the year with a scholastic average of at least 3.25 points and without a failure in any subject. Points are awarded on the basis of 4 for an A, 3 for a B, etc.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national all-school scholastic honor society to which outstanding seniors are elected each year.

J. E. Norton Tells Of Early Days In Coquille Valley

J. E. Norton gave a most interesting talk on the early days in Coquille at the Rotary Club luncheon Wednesday. Mr. Norton came to Coquille in 1888, taking over five days to make the trip from Grants Pass and some of his anecdotes of life in the Coquille valley were quite entertaining.

Rotarian Fred Grant, of Marshfield, was a guest, as also were Tom Denison, Lloyd Claver, Harry Claterbos, Jr., and the guest speaker, J. E. Norton.

Marcus Shelley, of Coquille, has been selected for the cast of the sophomore class play to be presented at Whitman college at Walla Walla Thanksgiving week-end. Marcus graduated from the Coquille high school in 1937. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Shelley.

Several Coquille Residents Have Passed This Week

Mrs. Gardner Died This Morning; Donald Hickam Killed in Calif.; Mrs. Poulton On Wed.

Mrs. Christina Caroline Gardner, mother of Chas. W. Gardner, passed away at his home here at four o'clock this morning. She had been in a serious condition for the past four weeks.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting word from her other son, Roselle Ivan Gardner, whose home is in San Diego, California.

Mrs. Gardner was born in Wood county, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1859, and was married to Reuben Gardner in Ohio in 1877. He passed away several years ago in Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Gardner came to Idaho in 1898, and to Marshfield in 1900. For the past seventeen years she has made her home with her son here.

DONALD HICKAM

A message from Sacramento to the Wm. Hickam family here early Tuesday morning brought the sad news that Donald, their 23-year old son, had been instantly killed by an automobile as he was crossing the street from the Sacramento Hotel where he was employed.

His brothers, Ray and Harry, cousin, Thurman, and uncle, Herman Hickam, left at once for Sacramento to arrange for bringing the body to Coquille for burial.

The funeral is to be held at 2 p. m. this (Thursday) afternoon at the Schroeder Bros. chapel, interment being in the Masonic cemetery.

Donald was born in Marion, Missouri, in 1915 and his death occurred within an hour of the time of his birth twenty-three years ago. He was a graduate of Coquille high school in 1934 and had been in Sacramento since last April.

Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers—Ray, Harry, Lloyd and Jack—and two sisters, Imogene, of Coquille, and Mrs. Vernie Morrow, of Jefferson City, Mo.

MRS. F. E. POULTON

Death called Mrs. Viola Mae Poulton, 52, wife of Constable F. E. Poulton, early Wednesday morning, following a lingering illness. Her death came as a shock to her many friends and the community at large as she was well-known and highly respected by all. Mrs. Poulton came to Coquille in 1928 with her husband and has resided here ever since.

She was a Past Noble Grand of Columbia Rebekah lodge, No. 3, of Portland and has always been active and prominent in the work of this order. She was also a member of the Dunkards, religious group.

Mrs. Poulton was born at Charleston, Missouri, in 1886, and was wed to Frank Poulton September 3, 1903, in Missouri. They came to Portland a short time after that and made their home there.

There are no children nor relatives other than her husband surviving the deceased woman. Funeral services will be held in the Schroeder Mortuary chapter Friday at 2 p. m. Burial will be conducted in the Masonic cemetery.

Robert Head Pleads Guilt In Court Trial

Robert Head, former employee of Southwestern Motors of this city, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny in the Circuit court here Monday and was sentenced immediately by Judge J. T. Brand. His penalty was one year imprisonment in the county jail and parole in 60 days.

Head was charged by the state with the theft of tools and valuable pieces of machinery taken over a period of time from the shop of the motor company where he was employed and his suspicion came after a long period of consistent disappearances of various pieces of equipment had been detected in the mechanical department of the firm.

Word was received from Chiloquin of the birth of a baby girl, named Sylvia Lanette, to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ashcroft Oct. 24. Mrs. Ashcroft will be remembered as Eva Flaep, who taught school in Empire. Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft lived in Coquille for a while before moving to Chiloquin.