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Budget Committee Named—City Caucus Sept. 23

Mayor Milne, at the council session Monday evening, appointed L. H. Hazard, J. L. Stevens, F. E. Emery, J. A. Berg, J. L. Smith and C. C. Farr as the citizens budget committee for Coquille. They will meet in the near future to designate the items of expense for next year which should be budgeted, and after their work is completed, the council will set a date for a public hearing on the budget before its adoption.

The caucus will be held on Monday, Sept. 23, at which time a candidate for mayor, candidates for councilmen and for recorder will be nominated.

An ordinance was adopted levying assessments against four pieces of property in front of which the city has made sidewalk repairs, the property owners having failed to make the repairs when notified to do so.

Fire Chief Snyder reported that he had received offers to make the necessary repairs to the hose tower, a ladder up the tower and a railing around the top, for \$74.00. He was instructed to have the work done by the Iles Sheet Metal Works and Fred Scher.

The street committee and superintendent of streets were asked to make recommendations as to where the \$1000 received from the city's one mill levy for street purposes should be spent. The one-mill tax goes to the county which is authorized to turn it over to the city for street purposes and Auditor Wann informed Mayor Milne that several hundred dollars more than last year's \$1200 could be added by the city if a request of how the money was to be spent was presented to the county court.

Commissioner Seely advanced the well-founded argument that general road tax money, paid by all property owners, should not be used to improve main streets when other streets had been given permanent concrete curbs by assessments on the frontage.

The argument was sound, but there can be no objection to spending the money on bridges within the city limits which have heretofore been largely paid out of the city's general fund.

The street superintendent was instructed to have the brush and debris cleared up all around the Community Building.

The council instructed E. V. Epperson to have the Fourth street approach to the Henry street bridge repaired.

Rev. H. L. Graybeal suggested that the city buy the frame M. E. church building on Second street for use as a city library, and thought it could be put in shape for a library at no great expense. He named no price but referred the council to the Pioneer church board of stewards. The councilmen agreed to look the building over.

The street committee was instructed to look over the ground in the north end of town where the Rankin & Barton tract between Ninth and Tenth streets is located. The tract faces on Tenth, lies between Heath and Collier, and is 90 feet deep. Clarence Barton informed the council that they intended placing the tract on the market and asked if the council would be interested in purchasing for \$240, a strip for the extension of Beach street through the tract.

Manning Nelson Not To Return To Coquille Schools

According to Supt. B. W. Dunn, Manning Nelson, instructor in English and Biology, in the local high school, will not return here this year. Mr. Nelson, who during the summer has been studying music at the University of Colorado, plans to continue his work in music at the University of Chicago. It is expected that his successor will be named within the next day or so. According to Mr. Dunn, the new instructor will probably be a woman who will teach English and Social Science, for Bob Nelson will this year handle the biology.

There is still a vacancy in the grammar school staff caused by the resignation of Miss Eleanor Monson, who will teach at Springfield this year. Though Mrs. Alberta Tyrrell, first grade instructor at Bandon last year, will teach first grade here, as yet no instructor has been appointed to fill the post of third grade teacher.

Lee Eaton, of the Eaton Feed Store, is on his vacation to valley points and Portland this week.

New Library Site Is Needed

The Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday noon spent most of the hour in discussing means by which a reduction in insurance rates can be secured. Roy Jobb read a letter from the Oregon Rating Bureau, which suggested that two full time firemen on duty at all times would mean a 3.4 per cent reduction. The addition of a pump to the present equipment would mean an additional 2.3 per cent reduction, and other changes and improvements would bring the possible reduction up to 14.33 per cent on business property and approximately 20 per cent on home properties.

The fire department, which is entirely volunteer and has accomplished splendid work for many years, guarantees to have two men on all night duty if a place is provided for sleeping quarters.

This brings up the question of a suitable place for the city library for above the fire hall is the only place that quarters for the firemen can be fitted up.

One location for the library suggested was the frame M. E. church building which Rev. H. L. Graybeal suggested to the city council Monday evening. Another was the Legion Home, or old Setapeil, which could be enlarged, provided arrangements could be made with the Legion for some other quarters.

There was no disposition or thought of throwing the library out by the group, but all felt that the room of the fire department was the logical place for the firemen, it should be used for their headquarters and that some other, as good or better place should be provided for the library.

The question of a pump will be an important consideration of the budget committee when it meets next month and some proposition may be worked out on an annual payment plan over a short term of years.

The directors of the chamber were asked in the opinion that a new library should be provided for the library and that the present fire hall should be turned over to the firemen.

To Entertain Grand Officers

Coquille Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., will hold an open meeting at eight o'clock Saturday, Aug. 24, for members of all branches of the order and their friends. The grand officers of the Subordinate, the Encampment and the Rebekah Assemblies will be present and the entertainment committee has arranged a short program for the evening. Refreshments will be served in the dining room.

The grand officers to be here are Jack P. Watts, of Oregon City, Grand Master; Mrs. Vernice Nemy, of Amity, Rebekah Assembly president, and E. M. Bowerman, of Pendleton, Grand Patriarch.

Each of the three speaks in a quiet and sincere manner, always saying something of interest. It is probable that the main thought will be: "How to be a 100 per cent American."

Ray Gaulke Receives Certificate

Ray Gaulke, eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gaulke, is shown as he received a certificate from Jack Doyle of the Ford Motor Company signifying his selection as Oregon winner in the Ford Good Drivers League Contest. Ray, accompanied by his parents and Wayne A. Smith, left Coquille Saturday morning for New York and the World's Fair where he will represent Oregon in the national finals of the contest. University scholarships totaling \$30,000 are being awarded by the Ford Motor Company. All expenses of the trip are being paid by the Ford Motor Company.

Governor Here Today

Fifteen members of the Coquille Lions club went up to Myrtle Point last evening for a pep meeting with the Lions there at their regular weekly session.

This noon Leland Knox, of Medford, district governor of the Lions International for southwest Oregon, is in attendance at the Coquille club's regular weekly noon session in the hotel.

\$32,000 In Lieu Of Taxes Expected

County Judge Morris Beaman, of Douglas county, and Guy Corbin, Beaman's attorney who has handled the business for Douglas and Coos counties in getting payments from the federal government in lieu of taxes on several O & C and Coos Bay Wagon Road grand tracts, were here yesterday afternoon in conference with the county clerk, Assistant A. H. Beyer and Auditor W. E. Wann.

Their purpose was to clarify and explain what Mr. Corbin has worked out as to the details of presenting the county's claim in accordance with the federal law.

The amount will make up an assessment roll for the \$32,000 valuation property in the county, practically the same as he makes up for privately owned property and those bills will be submitted to Washington.

The average levy in the school districts where these tracts are located is about 20 mills, which means that Coos county will receive around \$18,000 in lieu of taxes for the year ending June 30, 1945. Sitka school district will have added to its valuation about \$200,000, McKinlay about \$100,000, Dunn slightly more than that, and Fairview and Lee school districts smaller amounts. The High School district will also benefit from an increased valuation.

Tom Larson Buys Busy Corner Bldg.

Angus Street street road which had been abandoned this week when Tom Larson, of Year's Park, on the south side of First, purchased the Coos Building & Milling Corp., the former business building, the one in which the busy corner is located, Mr. O. Walker made the deal for the building.

Mr. Larson has leased to J. E. Norton that part of the building occupied by the Henry Cinema, for a year. The new business building will be used for a variety of purposes, including a law office and a garage. One of the apartments he will use himself and there will be three for rent.

Mr. Larson has no definite idea as to when he may use any of the lower floor for his restaurant.

Fat Elk Duck Club Elect New Officers

The Fat Elk Duck Club held their annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday evening. Pres. Alton Grimes and Secy. Luckey Bonney, after ten years of continuous service, refused to be drafted and a new set of officers was elected as follows: Tallant Greenough, president; Claire Gray, vice president, and J. Arthur Berg, secretary and treasurer.

Hunting days and other regulations were left the same as last year and the new officers were asked to check with the game commission on the bird releases in the lower Coquille valley.

Only 79 Degrees Here Last Saturday

While Portland was sweltering with 98 degree temperature last Saturday and the Willamette, Rogue and Umpqua valleys were experiencing a very warm day the maximum reached in Coquille was only 79 degrees.

Pro America Picnic Sunday

The Pro America picnic Sunday at 1:00 p. m. at the Myrtle Grove will, according to Mrs. George L. Maynard, local unit chairman, be even more interesting than at first anticipated. Besides the excellent talk from Mrs. Maynard, of Portland, who is state president of the organization, Pro America members and their friends, as well as politically interested guests, will be privileged to enjoy some of the special entertainment planned by the Townsend club for its picnic which is being held at the same time and place.

Aliens Must Register Soon

As part of the National Defense program, a nationwide registration of aliens will be conducted from August 27 through December 26, 1940, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice. Registration will take place in the post offices of the nation. It is expected that more than three and one-half million aliens will be registered during the four-month period.

Hope For Oiling Powers Road Next Year

The State Highway Commission group, including Chairman H. T. Cannon, Commissioners Herman Oliver and H. W. Clough, their wives, and several of the department's engineers, geographers, and others stopped at Coquille last Sunday for luncheon and then proceeded to Powers, where a meeting was held in the school yard.

The commissioners reported that they were impressed by the increase in traffic on the Powers road, and said that while nothing could be done at that time this year, they would give serious consideration to including the Powers road in its budget this fall for second state highway paving the road next year.

The commissioners again reiterated that improvement of the crooked Coquille-Coos Bay section of highway would be done as rapidly as funds are available. R. H. Baldock, state engineer, said that the route had been decided upon between Marshfield and Coquille but not yet from Coquille to Coquille.

Dr. John Seely Co. Health Officer

Dr. John H. Seely, son of Mrs. Florence Seely and a brother of Eugene Seely, is to become county health officer for Coos county on Sept. 1, provided his application for a license to practice in Oregon is approved by the state medical board, as it probably will be.

John graduated from Coquille High school three years ago, attended the Oregon Medical School and was licensed a California last year. He has just completed his internship at a hospital in Fresno, Calif.

Geo. W. Bryant Taken To Portland This Morning

Geo. W. Bryant was taken to Emanuel Hospital in Portland today, an ambulance coming down last night and leaving at nine this morning. A nerve specialist had been engaged to investigate his case. Mrs. Bryant and his nurse, Miss Elizabeth Kleiner, accompanied him.

To Present Powers Road Case

Judge J. E. Norton, Jesse Clinton, Albert Powers and E. Hull left yesterday afternoon for Portland to confer with the State Highway Commission in regard to improvement of the Hoffman Bridge-Powers road.

Senator Geo. H. Chaney, who went to Portland with his family, was also to be a member of the Coos delegation calling on the commission. No mention was made by the members of the commission when they were in Powers Sunday of the need for widening that road, and Judge Norton said that was to be brought to their attention at today's meeting.

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In Coquille the registering, finger printing and questioning will be done by Alton Grimes, chief clerk in the postoffice. Arrangements have been made with the Coos Electric Co-op. R. E. A. office in the Sentinel building corner room, to do the registering and finger printing there, away from the publicity of the postoffice lobby.

Postmaster Hawkins says the hours will be from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Registration is made compulsory by a specific act of Congress, the Alien Registration Act of 1940, which requires all non-citizens to register during the four-month official registration period. The law requires that all aliens 14 years or older are to be registered and fingerprinted. Alien children under 14 years of age will be registered by their parents or guardians. When alien children reach their fourteenth birthday, they will be required to register in person and be fingerprinted.

A fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment of six months is prescribed by the Alien Registration Act for failure to register, for refusal to be fingerprinted, or for making registration statements known to be false.

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Auction Sale At Mike's Saturday

Mike Daniels is advertising an auction sale, to be held this coming Saturday, Aug. 24, at Mike's Implement Shop, located on the site of Norway, and a free lunch is to be provided all those who attend.

Roseburg and Eugene have been holding these auctions every week or two and have found them very successful. Mr. Daniels believes that they can be just as beneficial here.

Anything that anyone has to sell—stock, equipment, machinery from the farm, clothing, canned goods, produce, slow-moving items in mercantile establishments, or what have you—may be brought to Mike's place the morning of the sale and they will be put up for bids. A charge of six per cent is the only cost to those bringing articles for sale, and that charge is only on the amount it sells for.

Mr. Daniels attended the Roseburg auction recently and found there was much interest in it, and that articles sold for a very good price.

See his adv. elsewhere in this issue.

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Mrs. Harold McCue, general chairman for Pro America, is working with the Townsend committee and reports that there will be several pleasant surprises for those who attend. All republicans are urged to be present.

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Mr. Harrison was told that the action would have to await the return of City Engineer Gearhart who is expected home soon from his vacation trip.

It will mean considerable to Coquille to have this hole covered at one of the city's three entrances to town and create a better impression of the town in the minds of those who come from the east.

J. H. McCloskey Not To Lose Leg

Coos county's representative in the legislature who is also a candidate for re-election, J. H. (Birdie) McCloskey, was very seriously injured in front of the Norway store last Sunday afternoon and those first to reach him thought he had been killed, when stuck by a car, but reports from the Mast Hospital, where he was taken, later this week are that he will probably recover without the loss of his left leg. There were no serious internal injuries and, although the bone was shattered and pierced the flesh in many places, the attending physicians are hopeful of saving it.

Mr. McCloskey had been attending the luncheon with the state highway commission party at the hotel and had driven back to Norway where he awaited J. E. Norton with whom he was going to Powers. When Judge Norton drove up Mr. McCloskey waited for one car coming from Myrtle Point to pass and then stepped directly in front of the Chev. coupe driven by Bill Hull. The latter applied the brakes but had no chance to avoid striking his victim. Mr. McCloskey later declared that the driver was in no wise to blame for his accident.

The bumper of the car broke his leg and the crash of his body broke the car's headlight and crumpled the fender. He was thrown up in the air and came down the other side of the highway.

Mr. Norton was the first to reach him, and Geo. Chapman, who was attending a picnic in Norway grove, applied tourniquets to stop the flow of blood. Had that not been done promptly, Mr. McCloskey would have bled to death before the ambulance could be summoned and rushed from Myrtle Point to take him to the hospital.

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That, however, is not the most important improvement he plans on making in the near future, for he contemplates the construction of a 28x30 feet addition to the front of the building, bringing it out to the Hall street line. The new structure will be one story in height and similar in appearance to the Iles Sheet Metal Works building. He will occupy the building with his barber and beauty shop and will also install baths.

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