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City To Buy Street Equipment With Tax Funds

The city council session this week held Tuesday evening behind the lobby they holding on Monday, was attended by all members except Mayor Miller and Commissioner Bryant who were out of the city.

The ordinance in regard to plumb or slot machines, the kind that the ordinary general law rules are legal, was amended to include in addition to the license fee in other cities. The ordinance formerly levied a 25 per cent fee on all the machines. It was amended so that the license fee now is \$10 per machine per quarter, payable in advance quarterly.

A permit approved by the street commissioner was granted J. E. Barton to repair the weakened foundation of the front of The Title Co. building on Taylor street.

Inasmuch as the bid submitted by Henry Best for repair of the sewer and other public works was the only one received, the amount is not made public. The councilmen felt that they should have at least three bids before awarding a contract.

The recommendation of the street commissioner to which was referred the council, is to purchase a new street sweeper. The councilmen felt that the sweeper would save time and money and the cost of the repair of paved streets.

The street commissioner instructed to make a preliminary report to the fourth street approach to the city street bridge. When the crew returned the finding it was found that the ends of stringers were rotten, which represented an expenditure of \$20 more than the original estimate.

The council will take on the order of the street commissioner to repair to the end of the lot and to open up Collier street between Ninth and Tenth, but the councilmen agreed to look over the land there and act at the next meeting. It is possible a street 100 feet from the lot proposed to be sold and which connects with no other street there may be vacated and turned in as part payment on the \$20,000 lot offered.

Considerable discussion in which Fire Chief Ted Snyder and Geo. Holbrook participated was engaged in with regard to the new fire equipment it is proposed the city buy, the possibility of financing a new library building, and other matters in regard to the fire department. Means of financing were discussed but until the budget committee meets and decides what funds shall be provided and it is known how those items can be taken care of, no action by the council can be taken.

The council is unitedly back of the fire department in its plea for a pumper and quarters for firemen so that one or two men can always be in duty at the fire hall at night and possibly during the day also.

Another Auction Sale Saturday

Mike Daniels is advertising another public auction, to be held at his shop on the Myrtle Point highway, five miles from Coquille, for next Saturday, Sept. 7. The program is the same: sale starts at one o'clock, free lunch at noon, and the same auctioneers will cry the sale.

The one held on August 24 was quite successful, everything offered being sold, but Mr. Daniels states that there was not as large an assortment of small articles, furniture, etc., from town residents as he would have liked.

Calves sold from \$5 to \$14.50 and ewes from \$28.50 to \$60.

There were 350 people who partook of the lunch at the last sale and

from the new city to complete their drive two of the 1941 Buicks which are on display in the Southwestern's show room.

Thirteen Aliens Have Registered To Date

Alien registrations at the Coquille postoffice have not been numerous, Chief Clerk Alton H. Grimes reports. Besides the twelve registered last week only one has been added to the list, he reports this morning.

Court To Name Co. Commissioner Next Week

The two members of the county court, Judge J. E. Norton and Commissioner B. H. Lawhorn, had thought a successor to the late commissioner, Thos. Thompson, might be named yesterday, but they now believe an appointment will be made to fill the vacancy until the fore part of next week.

Yesterday Clarence Barton, for the Democratic County Central Committee, presented a petition asking that Hugo J. Howard, of Heppner, be appointed and was informed that no action would be taken until the Republican Central Committee had been given an opportunity to make a similar recommendation.

Judge Norton stated yesterday morning that politics are "out" so far as naming a commissioner are concerned. Whoever is appointed will have but four months to serve and with the county budget to be prepared shortly, he felt that someone experienced in business should be appointed, either republican or democrat.

From North Bend is reported that Henry O. Kern, former county commissioner, and Edgar McDaniels, publisher of the Coos Bay Harbor, are being endorsed. Coquille has no candidate unless the republican central committee should decide upon a man from this city.

George W. Bryant Slightly Improved

A business telegram from Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant on Tuesday brought word that Mr. Bryant was showing a slight improvement that day. He is still in a critical condition. One operating condition for him in the hospital at Portland, where he is confined, is that either Mrs. Bryant or his sister go with him every minute of the 24 hours. The attending physician made the condition clear and the family is now very weary.

Woman's Club Tea Postponed

The Woman's Club tea previously announced to be given in honor of the past president because of unavoidable circumstances has been indefinitely postponed.

Rotary Hears Three Yesterday

Kenneth "Count" Lawrence told the Rotary club about his vacation trip to Canada and details of his attendance at several Rotary clubs, at the club meeting at the hotel yesterday. Les Child also gave a brief resume of the plans for utilizing the large dike of basalt on the Myrtle Point highway and of what it would mean to this county to have this rock used in future work on the local jetties.

Henry B. Hickey, of Ontario, California, was a Rotarian guest and Don Gillespie and Ron Endicott were local guests.

One hundred per cent attendance plans were distributed to several members for perfect attendance during a recent contest and Charles Stauff gave a report on the picnic held in conjunction with the Marshfield club last Thursday at Mingus park.

Southwestern Sales Force Enjoys Trip

Three members of the Southwestern Motors sales force, Cliff Gulseth, Chas. Briggs and V. C. Richardson, and their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. McElwain went up to Seattle last Friday to attend the first showing of the 1941 Buick at the Olympia Hotel. From there they went to Vancouver B. C. by boat and on the return trip came from Seattle to

School Enrollment Is Twenty-six Less

Comparative figures for student enrollment in the Coquille public school system have been released by Superintendent B. W. Dunn for the current year and last year.

| Washington School Enrollments | 1940 | Grade | 1941 |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|------|
| | 67 | First | 69 |
| | 66 | Second | 69 |
| | 65 | Third | 61 |
| | 61 | Fourth | 64 |
| | 59 | Fifth | 67 |
| | 320 | Total | 318 |

| Lincoln School Enrollments | 1940 | Grade | 1941 |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | 50 | Sixth | 50 |
| | 54 | Seventh | 55 |
| | 65 | Eighth | 53 |
| | 175 | Total | 158 |
| | 495 | Grade School Total | 481 |

| High School | 1940 | 1941 | |
|-------------|------|-------|-----|
| Freshmen | 61 | 70 | |
| Sophomore | 70 | 66 | |
| Junior | 66 | 66 | |
| Senior | 58 | 58 | |
| | 271 | Total | 252 |

Local enrollment figures show a condition far different from that existing in most communities, according to Mr. Dunn, for during the past few years there has been a steady decrease in the number of children entering primary grades all over the country. Portland, for instance, had a drop of approximately 1500 grammar school enrollments this year whereas local enrollment increased by fourteen.

Mr. Dunn ascribed the decrease in high school enrollments to the fluctuating population of this community, but added that several high school boys left school last year to join branches of the armed services. During the summer, the Navy has claimed at least one boy from the high school.

Water Supply Is Sufficient

According to the city engineer and water superintendent, the city's water supply in storage was just as much the first of this month as it was the first of June last year. Unless the rains wait till the first of the year there is no danger of any shortage this year.

Mr. Gearhart, while on his trip east stopped and inspected many water systems, finding that at some places more chemicals are used in treating the water than are used here, but that in every one the last thing with which the water was impregnated was chlorine.

The use of copper sulphate in the local source of supply before the algae is fully developed, has helped improve the taste this year; in fact Coquille has never had better tasting water nor as much of it as this year.

Mrs. Woodyard Returns From East

Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard, who had spent a month attending the School of Music at Winona, Ind., returned home Monday evening and her music classes were started the next day.

While at Winona she studied with six very fine teachers, Prof. Rease, University of Arizona, voice and directing; Griffith Jones, of Cleveland, training of children's voices; Katherine Carmichael, St. Louis, piano and accompanying; Clyde Guilford, Miami, conducting; Mrs. Ruth R. Thomas, stage conduct and pronunciation; and Homer Rodeheaver, song interpretation, program building and song leading.

Mrs. Woodyard visited Glacier Park while on the way home.

Drs. Stark, Keiser Health Officers

Temporary appointment of Dr. G.

officer, and of Dr. John Keiser, of North Bend, as his assistant, was made by the county court this week. These appointments will stand until such time as Dr. John Seeley receives his certificate permitting him to practice medicine in Oregon. Dr. Seeley already has a license to practice in Washington and California and the Oregon board of health will consider his application for a license at its next meeting early in October. In the meantime he is familiarizing himself with the county health service and its operations in Coos county.

Electric Co-op To Extend Into Curry

Progress is being made on the extension of the Coos Electric Co-operative, the R. E. A. project which will soon begin furnishing juice to farm homes between Sitkum and Remote, and negotiations are now pending for the purchase of the plant at Port Orford. The two plants at Gold Beach are also being considered.

The new sub-station at Norway is now being built and it is expected that juice will be available as far as Fox bridge, or possibly farther, by the first of October.

The central office of the Coos Electric Co-op., which was opened in the corner room of the Sentinel building last month, has been most attractively fitted up and reflects credit on the directors who authorized it and the superintendent, Dick Connors, who supervised the installation.

County Fair Opens September 11

Friday of next week, Sept. 12, will be "Coquille Day" at the Coos county fair which opens at Myrtle Point next Wednesday.

From present indications all display areas and booths will be filled when the fair opens. Eleven applications were in last week for community health spaces which was five more than were shown at the 1939 fair. The eight booths in the commercial section have already been engaged.

The racing program this year will be up to or superior to recent years' presentation for a number of high class strings are already assured.

The Browning company will again this year present the carnival features and Don Estes' eight-piece dance band has been engaged to play for the evening dances at the Oaks pavilion.

Return From 8377-Mile Trip

City Engineer J. N. Gearhart, who is also county surveyor, and Mrs. Gearhart returned Sunday from their five weeks vacation trip which took them to the Atlantic seaboard, with stops in Ohio, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Washington, D. C. They were accompanied from Astoria, Ore., by his mother who is 92 years of age and J. N. says he never saw a woman enjoy a trip and thrive on it like his mother did.

While in Washington they saw Julia Leatherman, formerly in the county clerk's office here. She is looking extremely well, but says she hopes next year to have a transfer in the Civil Service to some point in the west.

The Gearharts traveled 8377 miles, topping by one hundred or so the mileage made by County Treasurer and Mrs. Chas. Stauff the past summer.

Descended Rogue In a Canoe

Don Estes, his son, Jo Don, and Ted Foss made a trip down the turbulent Rogue river from Illabe to Gold Beach in a canoe last Friday and Saturday. According to Larry Lucas at Agness, this is the first time that this trip has been made by canoe, although Davis Chaney and Don McGilvery made the trip two years ago in a kayak.

Don says that it was the finest trip he ever had and that they did not upset once, although the craft took water several times and some of their baggage received a slight wetting. They only had to portage one rapid but had to buck a heavy head wind much of the time.

Found Highway Commission Interested

A portion of the Powers road, last year, was expressed by the Coos county delegation which attended the recent State Highway Commission meeting in Portland. It is the policy of the commission not to make definite commitments to delegations of this kind, and with a legislative session coming up this winter it is now impossible to foretell what the solons many do in road matters but the commission did not turn a deaf ear to the plea for the Powers road which needs widening, straightening and oiling so badly.

Chamber Commerce Favors \$10,000 Library Building

Don Gillespie, one of the three appointed to seek some satisfactory solution of the problem how to provide a new location for the city library so that its present quarters can be used by the fire department, reported at the Chamber of Commerce session Tuesday noon. He represented the C. of C. on the committee, Mrs. C. C. Farr, the library board, and Dr. J. D. Rankin, the city planning commission.

One of the matters reported on by Mr. Gillespie was that the new pumper, should the city council decide to purchase one, can be housed in the present fire hall without removing the stairway leading to the library, by enlarging the fire room door, at a cost of \$500 or \$700. The space left, however, would be but nine inches between trucks and nine inches between trucks and walls.

At the meeting held last week, at which time the committee was appointed, the suggestion was made that if Coquille was going to bond for a library building the lot should be one to meet future needs for years to come, at least a \$20,000 structure.

The Chamber of Commerce directors concurred in the idea expressed by one of their number that an \$8,000, or at the most a \$10,000 structure would be ample in size; would provide rooms for women's club meetings, and all other features needed in such a building.

The directors had gone on record two weeks previously as favoring the purchase of a pumper and providing a suitable place for the library and this week made no change in that position which they were entirely willing to leave to the good judgment of the city council in carrying out.

Plant Shut-Down Only Temporary

Coquille was greatly perturbed this morning when the report was circulated that the Smith Wood-Products plant had shut down. It was only a temporary matter, however, for after a conference between the plant manager, Geo. A. Ulett, and the employees, they all returned to their positions and all departments are again running as usual.

Married Friday At Carson City

Faye June Noeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noeler, and Herman Floten were married Friday at Carson City, Nevada. They are expected to return here today from a trip to Boulder Dam and Yellowstone National park. Their home will be made on the Cunningham ranch, owned by Mr. Floten and his sister, Mrs. Effie Miller.

Nearly Five Feet The Past Year

The close of Coos' precipitation fiscal year last Saturday night found the year's rainfall of 59 inches to be about 13 inches greater than it was the previous year but eight inches less than the average for this section.

The attempted rain on Sunday and Wednesday did not materialize, although fishermen at Gold Beach said it rained quite hard there Sunday.

Former Resident To Be Buried Friday

Funeral services are to be held at Bandon Saturday for Mrs. Mabel Brown, daughter of pioneer residents of Bandon, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young, both deceased. Mrs. Brown died at her home in Lake City, Iowa, where she resided with her husband, Arthur Brown, Tuesday morning of this week.

Funeral services are to be held at Myrtle Point for Mrs. J. E. Young, of Port Orford, and two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Young, of Bandon, and Mrs. C. F. Still, of Marshfield.

Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries will receive the body and arrange for the services.

Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer and daughter, Dorothy, were guests at the W. E. Bowerman home from Thursday last week until Monday. Dr. Glaisyer and son, Allington, arrived Saturday for a couple of days' visit.

If Hitler Wins Some Canadians Favor Joining U. S.

Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Lawrence and sons returned Sunday evening from their trip north to Vancouver, B. C., Banff, Lake Louise, Calgary and other interesting points north of the border. They had expected to spend Sunday night somewhere on the coast south of Otis but could not find a vacancy at any auto camp. Mr. Lawrence says he had never seen traffic so heavy on the Coast Highway as it was Sunday. At Depoe Bay he could hardly drive across the bridge so congested was it with cars and pedestrians.

The "Count" reports that the Canadians are quite confident as to the outcome of the war in Europe but should the unexpected happen and Hitler's Nazi desperadoes succeed in capturing the British Isles, many Canadians expressed the opinion that their dominion would seek a union with the United States as an integral part of this nation.

That German news reports are unreliable was evidenced by a talk "Count" had with a sea captain, one whose vessel was reported as sunk by the Nazis some months ago. It is in Canadian waters now and has made several round trips from England since its "sinking."

Commissioner T. H. Thompson Passes

The second death among members of the Coos county court within a month occurred at Eugene last Friday morning when Commissioner Thos. H. Thompson passed away at a hospital there. He had undergone an operation following an attack of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at Marshfield at eleven o'clock Tuesday, with interment in Sunset cemetery. Besides his wife, Mr. Thompson is survived by two sons, Robert E., of Salem, and Maurice, of Redding, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. John Vickary, of Eugene, and Mrs. Andrew Steiner, of Corvallis, and one brother, Howard Thompson, of Seattle.

Powers Resident For 25 Years Buried

William Alfred Doak, brother of Jay Doak of this city, who had been janitor of the Poyers school for the past 25 years, passed away at a hospital here last Sunday. Funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the old Doak burial plot on Bear creek.

Mr. Doak, who came here at the age of ten, was born in California and was two months and two days passed 68 years of age at time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Roxy Doak; three children, Oliver L., of Seaside, Ivan R., of Chiloquin, and Mrs. Zetta Lyon, of Seaside; also by a grandson, one brother, Jay Doak, and three sisters, Mrs. Belle Barklow, of Powers, Mrs. Sylvia Drew, of Bandon and Mrs. Mintie Walton of Salinas California.

Earl Steele Dies At Sisters

Mrs. Elbert Schroeder, a niece; Mrs. Oro Laird and Mrs. Frank Cowan, sisters, and Wm. Weekly, of Myrtle Point, a brother-in-law, left for Sisters, Oregon, yesterday morning to attend the funeral tomorrow of Earl Steele, a former Coquille and Myrtle Point resident, who passed away early Tuesday morning from a heart attack, suffered Sunday. The funeral is to be held at Bend.

Mr. Steele is also survived by his widow, the former Irene Weekly, daughter of W. W. Weekly, and their son, Elbert Steele. Mr. Steele was between 50 and 60 years of age and at one time was

Only One Showing Each Evening Of This Picture

"All This and Heaven, Too," the picture which has been making such a hit wherever shown, bringing together those two stars, Bette Davis and Charles Boyer, will be at the Roxy next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, with no advance in price. It is a three-hour show with only one showing an evening, starting each night at 7:45 o'clock.