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Food Stamp Plan In Operation In Coos Co. Soon

The \$6500 which the county court ordered this week to be loaned to the State Welfare commission's revolving fund will be returned eventually to the county. The loan places Coos county in line with the other counties of the state and sets up the Food Stamp plan here in which all dealers in food may participate if they sign up for it.

The Food Stamp plan was devised to do away with a great deal of the expense under which the relief bodies have been operating, and was planned to aid in disposing of surplus commodities—food.

A person who is drawing a benefit check every month from the relief agency can purchase with whatever portion of his funds he may think necessary for food, a bunch of orange colored stamps. To these will be added without cost a bunch of blue stamps totalling 50 per cent of the value of the orange stamps. These blue stamps may be used to purchase any item on the list of surplus commodities—all participating stores will have such a list posted.

To illustrate: A man receives a \$20 relief check. He decides \$8 of it will be spent for food. He purchased \$8 worth of orange stamps and is then given \$4 worth of blue stamps which he can use only to purchase surplus commodities.

There is a severe penalty on both the dealer and the buyer for violation of the agreement to use the blue stamps for surplus commodities only.

The stamps may be used by the retailer to pay his bills to the wholesaler, or for any purpose he desires, and they are cashed by the state's central office which in turn presents them to the government agency which redeems them out of the government's funds which have been appropriated for relief purposes.

The county's \$6500 loan is merely used by the state agency in redeeming the stamps as they are presented and which are later paid for by the government agency.

J. E. Norton is Coos county chairman of the Food Stamp plan and is assisted on the committee by Robert A. Clason, North Bend; Everett Hurt, Marshfield; James Croxall, Bandon; Geo. H. Jenkins, Coquille.

A great deal of that money stays right here in the county as it is buying locally produced commodities which are on the surplus food list at present. Nearly three-quarters of the food on the surplus list are grown either in the county or within the state.

Mass meetings to discuss operations of the Food Stamp plan with all food retailers have been called at county seats for western and southern Oregon. The one to be held here will be at 8 p. m. on Friday of next week, Jan. 31, in the circuit court room.

Arthur Ellingson's Sisters Are All Here Now

All of the sisters of Arthur Ellingson are now here, due to his most serious condition. He rallied a little yesterday but there was no improvement in his condition. Those who arrived yesterday were Mrs. Wm. Martin, of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Maud Duggan, of Alameda, Calif. They were accompanied by a niece, Mrs. Geo. King, also of Alameda. Mrs. Ellen Carl, another sister, has been here for some time, and his other four sisters reside in the Coquille valley.

Gratke To Head Junior C. of C.

Junior Chamber of Commerce members will select their officers for 1941 at a meeting scheduled for Monday evening in the banquet room of the hotel. Nominees suggested by the nominating committee include George Gratke, president; Delos Richardson and Ray Mattoon, vice president; Marcus Shelley and Tom Stevens, secretary; Max Morgan, Ludwig Scharfer and Tom Stevens, treasurer; Lawrence Gulseth, Delos Richardson, Harold Shelton, Ludwig Scharfer and Marcus Shelley, directors, two to be elected.

When the officers have been elected, the business session will be closed to make way for a card party and Dutch lunch. Each Junior Chamber member is inviting a guest for the election celebration party.

Good Response To C. of C. Drive

C. M. Howard, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce membership committee, reported at the Chamber's noon session Tuesday that up to that time \$1,317.50 had been pledged, \$414.50 of it paid in cash. He also reported that more than fifteen new names would be on the list of members for 1941, members who had not previously been affiliated.

A very fine response had been given to the chamber's questionnaire as to what the body could do to further progress in Coquille. The many replies will be compiled and presented as soon as the committee can get it done.

President Stewart appointed the following committees:

Budget—C. M. Howard, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. R. F. Milne.

Publicity—M. F. Pettit, Geo. H. Jenkins, L. W. Claver and H. A. Young.

Saturday Night Opening—L. W. Claver, L. A. Compton, R. A. Jeub, J. L. Smith, R. F. Milne and H. A. Young.

Delegates to County C of C.—J. E. Norton, Dr. R. F. Milne. Alternates, L. A. Compton, H. A. Young.

Geo. H. Jenkins reported that his correspondence with Weather Observer Wells in Portland was favorable to the establishment of a weather station in Coquille.

The Chamber must recommend some one who will be responsible for the instruments and for the daily recordings as shown by thermometer or gauge.

Geo. A. Ulett, who returned recently from Los Angeles, reported that a motion picture of the plywood industry was arranged for at the meeting down there and that some of the film will show sections of the Oregon coast as well as the operation of plywood plants in Oregon.

J. L. Smith asked for a showing of hands as to who would attend the Coos Outlook Conference banquet to be held in I. O. O. F. hall here Friday evening of next week.

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce was asked to arrange for the banquet entertainment and the Cornfield Canaries' singing was the first thing thought of. Mr. Smith stated they had no new songs and that the Canaries were a little diffident about appearing again with the songs which they have sung many times before.

He was assured that the public always enjoys the Canaries' singing, whether the words are old or new, and that the Coquille Chamber would be well represented at the banquet. When contacted last evening at Bandon, E. D. Webb stated that he did not know whether he would be able to sing with the Canaries or not, due to a cold he contracted on his return trip from the east.

J. E. Norton reported on the first County Chamber of Commerce meeting, held at Marshfield the evening before.

The Kibitzer At Hotel Three Days

Contract bridge is a cinch, according to Sam Gordon, The Kibitzer, who will be here for a series of contract bridge lesson-lectures today, Friday and Saturday, January 23, 24 and 25, in Coquille Hotel, sponsored by Woman's Club.

He says the only aim of two partners in a bridge game is to tell each other how many tricks they expect to take; and what is their best trump suit, if any; and that's all. And to give that information, a player need not be a civil engineer, a statistician nor a clairvoyant.

All he needs is to learn the few basic rules and signals used by experts and other practical players, which is the Horse Sense method, the only requirements to play an acceptable bridge game.

His method of counting tricks is the natural way any player would use if he were not confused by too many suggestions. You merely total up your aces, kings, queens, and the tricks you expect to trump. All other departments of the game are treated in the same vein of simplicity.

Coos Bar Association To Hold Annual Meet Saturday

The annual meeting of the Coos County Bar Association is to be held Saturday afternoon at the Coos County Club House at Norway. The business meeting will take place in the afternoon and at 6:30 o'clock the attorneys and their guests will sit down to a banquet served by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Maloney.

Coquille Flying Club Organized

Including the six who came over from the Bay for the aviation meeting here last Sunday evening, there were more than two dozen present, young men who are interested in learning to fly.

Among the members of the Coos Bay Flying club present were Ralph Wilson, Charleston merchant, who is national president for Oregon of the Aeronautical association. He gave a fine talk on aviation, as did Denton Clark, instructor at the Bay, who gave data on plane costs, flying field requirements, and other needed information.

C. M. Hannevoild, of this city, who is a member of the Oregon Eagles Flying Club which owns its own plane and uses the Arago field, has been instrumental in getting the Coquille club started and expressed the hope that there would be a larger number present at the next meeting, Sunday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p. m., at the city hall.

Temporary officers elected were Sunday were Ernest R. Smith, chairman; Marcus Shelley, Jr., secretary; Paul Harmon, treasurer.

Leo Sohier, as a representative of the Coquille Junior Chamber of Commerce, helped get the club organized by presiding at the first meeting.

Postal Receipts Up 5.1 Per Cent

Postmaster M. O. Hawkins reports that postal receipts for 1940 showed an increase of 5.1 per cent over the 1939 receipts, and that other receipts showed about the same percentage increase. That is considered a very excellent showing considering there was no unusual activity in Coquille last year.

The 1940 receipts were \$25,954.25; the 1939, \$24,695.75, the increase being \$1258.50.

Coquille To Play At Myrtle Point Friday

The hot Coquille Red Devils basketball team will meet the Myrtle Point Bobcats up there tomorrow (Friday) evening. "B" squads of the two schools will play the preliminary.

The other game scheduled for Friday is non-conference, the Astoria high team playing North Bend on the latter's court.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Marshfield Pirates play the Red Devils here, and Myrtle Point plays at North Bend.

Played Mighty Snappy Music

In addition to the enthusiasm the crowd at the basketball game here showed in the Red Devil's sparkling play—that is all except the North Bend supporters—the music by the C. H. S. band brought forth a great deal of praise and favorable comment.

Their repertoire consisted of more snappy numbers, played in excellent time, and with the coordination of each section making it a real pleasure to hear band music.

Mr. Cauters has a school band which any school in the state might well be proud of.

Coos Chamber Of Commerce Acts On Highway, Defense, District Matters

A well attended meeting of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce was held in Marshfield Monday evening, all the chambers of commerce in the county being represented. President Wallace Dement, of Myrtle Point, conducted the session which was a dinner meeting at the Chandler.

One of the important decisions agreed upon was that of asking for highway work on the Bunker Hill-Coquille section of the Coast Highway, even before the North Bend-Marshfield section is more than barely started.

Several of those attending spoke on the matter of securing national defense contracts for industries in this section? One was that of the construction of smaller wooden vessels, for which a contract could be handled by the Kruse & Banks shipyard at the Bay. The Port of Bandon's yard at Prosper could be used as an auxiliary to the plant at the Bay.

Another matter which would be of

Eva English Will Recover

Reports from the Coquille Hospital this morning are that little Eva English, 27-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard English of this city, is steadily improving now and that she will recover.

She suffered the fracture of both legs above the knees about noon Sunday, when Wayne Schrader, 17-year old youth, backed his car at the Assembly of God church and struck her, a wheel running over her legs.

He had started to cut across from the parking pavement in front of the church, between the grass plot and the pole at the corner but when a car came down the hill on Heath street he backed up.

Dr. Kennedy, at the Coquille Hospital where the little girl was taken, said if she had been on the concrete her legs would have been mashed.

Her parents were inside the church and the little tot had slipped out to play with other youngsters.

No one saw the accident, nor is it known just how she got back of the car when young Schrader had just pulled across the corner. No charges were preferred.

Rev. T. H. Downs Buried At Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Downs and daughter, Agnes, came in from Portland, Tuesday where they had been since the first of the year until after the death and burial of his father, Rev. T. H. Downs, which occurred ten days ago.

The Rev. Mr. Downs was pastor of the M. E. Church here for a couple of years, having been transferred to another field 24 years ago.

Service and interment were in Portland where he and Mrs. Downs have resided for the past ten years.

Mr. Downs was born Feb. 14, 1865, in Devonshire, England; he came to the United States shortly before the turn of the century and to Oregon 36 years ago. Last June he celebrated his 54th year in the ministry at the Lents M. E. church in Portland.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie Downs, to whom he was married in Canada, in December, 1892, and by six children: Isabella Ellis, of Madison, Conn.; Ada Chipman, Portland; James H. Downs, of Milwaukee; Wm. C., of Berkeley, Calif.; J. Wesley, of Klamath Falls, and Alfred M., of Astoria; also by six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a brother who resides in England.

Where Senate and House Bills Can Be Seen

Senator Wm. E. Walsh has placed the Coquille Valley Sentinel, the Coquille Library and the Coquille Chamber of Commerce on the mailing list at Salem to receive copies of all bills introduced in both houses, all resolutions and memorials and the daily calendars of each branch of the legislature. They are available for inspection by anyone interested in any measure or the legislature's ability.

Ed Rose Appointed Constable At Bandon

The county court yesterday appointed Ed Rose of Bandon as constable for district No. 6. W. T. Lindsey who was elected to the office last November failed to qualify.

Treasurer Calls \$44,283 Warrants

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff this week has called quite a lot of Coos county warrants, the total for principal and interest aggregating \$56,454.45.

General road fund warrants called are those issued from July 1, 1939, to Jan. 1, 1940, the principal sum of which amounts to \$36,546.11. They will draw \$1,461.84 in interest.

Mr. Stauff says that there are \$4,967.19 worth of road fund warrants previously called which have not yet been presented for redemption.

The market road fund warrant call is for the month of February last year, and amounts to \$4,849.84, plus interest of \$194.

On this fund warrants previously called and not yet presented for payment amount to \$1,136.26.

The Non-High School District fund warrants are called up to No. 4869, and are for those issued between Dec. 1, 1939, and Feb. 23, 1940. The warrants amount to \$12,887.66 with accrued interest amounting to \$515.

On this fund interest has stopped on \$1,232.29 worth of warrants which have not been presented for payment, although they were called some time ago.

Prohibition Of Liquor Bill Board Advertising Asked

A delegation of about 25 was present at the session of the city council Monday evening to request that the city forbid bill board advertising of alcoholic beverages of any kind within the city limits.

The reason for the aroused sentiment in favor of such a prohibition was that a national advertising agency has recently set up a bill board sign on the lot across the street south of the high school.

Mrs. C. C. Farr spoke for the group, mentioning the fact that the highway commission has forbidden liquor bill board advertising along the highways and that many towns and cities have adopted ordinances of this kind. Rev. H. L. Graybeal also spoke, stating that the constant sight of such an adv. as the bill board above mentioned could not fail to have an effect on the youth of the city.

On motion the council voted that the mayor, the city attorney and a special committee should investigate and recommend the wording of such an ordinance for the council to act upon.

The committee named consists of Councilmen Claire Gray, George Taylor and Dr. G. E. Stark. They will report at the February 3 session of the council.

President's Birthday Ball To Be Held Here February 1

Elton Schroeder, who was recently appointed Coos county chairman for the President's Birthday Ball, has named Pat Hayes as Coquille chairman and Ham Thrift for Myrtle Point. The two are working co-operatively and tickets sold by either for the ball which will be on Saturday night of next week, Feb. 1, will be honored at either place. The Coquille dance will be in "Dreamland" on West First street, and the Myrtle Point dance at the Coquille Valley Country Club House. Admission will be \$1.00 per couple.

Sunday, Jan. 26, is to be observed as "Infantile Paralysis Sunday," when prominence will be given to the efforts to stamp out this disease.

Episcopal Church Held Annual Meeting Sunday

The annual meeting of St. James' Mission was held Sunday at the parish house after the morning services. Before the business meeting, there was one of those fine Episcopalian potluck dinners.

Annual reports were given by the various committees during the business meeting. Officers elected for 1941 were: L. H. Hazard, senior warden; H. N. Lorenz, junior warden; Clarence Osika, clerk; Charles Stauff, treasurer; Alton Grimes, Harry Slack and Luckey Bonney, members of the Bishop's committee; L. H. Hazard and Charles Stauff, delegates to the diocesan annual meeting at Corvallis April 20 and 21. J. S. Barton and Harry Slack were elected delegates.

Mrs. Frank Thrift, Mrs. R. E. Boober and Mrs. H. S. Norton spent Friday in North Bend with Mrs. John Aasen.

O. L. Wood Chosen Chairman of City Council

In the absence of Mayor Milne at Monday evening's council session, City Attorney Tallant Greenough called to order and called for nominations for chairman of the council. Everett Seeley placed O. L. Wood in nomination and the latter nominated C. M. Gray. When the ballot had been taken, Mr. Wood was declared elected and presided during the meeting.

A petition signed by 13 property owners requested the grading and graveling to a 16-foot width of Fifth street between Heath and Division and 150 feet on Division south from Fifth. The city attorney was instructed to check the signatures and ascertain if there were sufficient signers to warrant the council going ahead with the improvement.

The application of L. A. Compton for permission to alter the ground and upper floors of the hotel by cutting a shaft, seven and one-half feet square for the elevator to be installed soon, was granted.

Alterations and improvements in the Gregg Hardware building and the Quella Cafe were also approved.

Restaurant licenses were granted to Glen Claver for the Roxy confectionery, the Tom Morris, Oliver L. Crumb and J. E. Hendricks eating places on First street, and a card room license was granted T. Verle Johnson for the Casino.

The annual report of the city treasurer, which appears elsewhere in this issue, was accepted.

Street lights were authorized at the Twelfth and Elliott intersection and on north Henry near the city limits—the Fairview road.

Specifications as to what the city's liability insurance should cover were presented by the finance committee and a call for bids was ordered. It appears elsewhere in this issue.

Another call for bids, advertised this week, is for pipe needed to run from the point on the Myrtle Point highway, where the 10-inch water line down hill from the reservoir to the Smith plant, crosses the highway, to front street and down that street.

The city engineer reported that the old wooden main, installed nine or ten years ago, is not in very good shape. This will provide a second main on front until such time as the wooden line fails completely.

On motion the council voted to install septic tanks for those who have no opportunity to connect with the sewer, for those who apply, the cost to be assessed against the property and paid over a term of years, as sewer improvements are paid.

LeRoy Harrison was present to discuss with the council the sidewalk improvement which the city, to comply with the agreement made some years ago, must lay on the east side of Hall between Front and First streets. Mr. Harrison is naturally anxious to have the street and walk in front of his barber shop put in shape, but as the fill there is still settling and may for three or four years yet, a concrete walk and curb, which was the agreement, would crack and break.

City Engineer Gearhart suggested that a black-top walk and curb, similar to that along the highway out to the high school would make a good improvement, and Mr. Harrison finally agreed to that sort of a job. The city agrees to keep the walk in repair for ten years.

Mr. Gearhart informed the council that the ten-year repair cost would not be as much as the city saves in laying black-top instead of concrete.

February 3 was the date set for the hearing on the petitions of Geo. A. Ulett and Mrs. Bonnie Walker for the vacation of portions of Maple and Myrtle streets in the east section of the city, portions of those streets which cannot be used for street purposes.

The street committee was requested to investigate the need for limiting parking to one side only of those streets on which the paving is narrow and where there is only room for one car to pass between if cars are parked opposite one another. One street in particular was mentioned by Councilman Gray—Henry north of the bridge.

A baby boy, weighing seven pounds-three ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mintonye at the Coquille Hospital last Saturday. He has been named Ross Joseph.