

County Court News

(By Judge L. D. Felsheim)

Taxpayers of Coos county owing delinquent taxes for the years 1935 and prior thereto, and who have a desire to pay those taxes rather than lose their property, will do well to get in touch with the tax department before August 15 of this year.

The 1943 session of the legislature made changes in the law which mean a substantial saving in interest for those affected, providing they act on or before the 15th of next month. Sheriff Wm. F. Howell, tax collector, has sent notices to those who have been paying old taxes on the installment plan. The notice points out that:

"Interest on delinquent taxes for real or personal property for the year 1935 and prior thereto will be waived, provided one-quarter of the taxes of the earliest year of delinquency are paid, together with the full payment of the taxes for the current year 1942-43, on or before August 15, 1943.

"Interest on any payment of taxes on real property for the year 1930 and any year prior thereto will be waived only if such taxes are paid in full on or before August 15, 1943.

"Interest on personal taxes for the year 1935 and any year prior thereto will be waived only if such taxes are paid in full on or before August 15, 1943."

The new law is apparently aimed to give relief to those who are catching up on delinquencies suffered during depression years, and the tax department is anxious to have the public informed so that those wishing to take advantage of the law will not wait too long.

The Coos county cannery at the county farm is ready to do its part in the war effort by helping the people of the county conserve food products from their Victory gardens. Superintendent F. C. McNelly has organized his part of the program, which has been approved by the County Court.

The county will furnish the cans and do the sealing and processing at six cents per can, either for the No. 2 or No. 2½ size can. This is considered an extremely low cost but the county has the cans on hand and the county court desires to give the people the advantage of the cannery at absolute cost. The taxpayers won't be out a cent but they will be able to conserve food for next winter at a minimum cost.

Two things should be understood: There is no labor available at the cannery, therefore the products to be canned must be ready for the can; secondly, those having canning to do must get in touch with Mr. McNelly at the county farm, either in person, by phone, or mail, well in advance of the time for canning as he must arrange his schedule to accommodate as many people as possible.

Residents of the Prosper precinct on the lower Coquille river are petitioning the county to have their polling place reestablished. Several years ago, for the sake of convenience and economy, residents of the south side of the Prosper precincts were placed in the Parkersburg precinct and residents of the north side of the river were put in the Bullards precinct. Along comes the war with its gas rationing and changes the picture. Prosper residents want their voting place at the Prosper school house, to which all can walk if necessary. They claim there is no saving since two counting boards are now employed at Parkersburg, while the separate precincts will each need only one board.

The county budget committee held its first meeting Tuesday morning and it will take several days to complete the job. Estimates have been compiled by heads of the various departments of the county government, which estimates have been made up into a tentative budget from which the committee starts its deliberations.

As a matter of policy in connection with county financing, the three members of the County Court are definitely in agreement. First consideration is liquidation of the bonded indebtedness, which means continuation of a program adopted several years ago and which is working out so satisfactorily that, unless conditions change materially, the county will be debt-free within two or at least three years. Second consideration is the possible building up of a reserve for post-war employment. Reconstruction, repair and new construction projects will have to be inaugurated after the war because now such activities are restricted to the barest maintenance necessities.

Employment will have to be furnished for the boys now in the service and for those released from war plants. If the county has a cash fund on hand it will be in immediate position to take advantage of any co-operative offers that might be made by the federal government to stimulate employment.

Coos county, with its new mineral

industry, its coal exploration, its expanded lumbering and agricultural enterprises, bids fair to become one of the busiest counties in the United States after the war, and this prospect must be kept in mind, according to the county court, when plans are made for the future.

A national association of county officials has been in process of organization for several years and, according to reports from the recent convention held in Omaha, Nebraska, definite progress is being made. At first thought the average citizen of a county will ask what that's all about; why another association? At first glance it does seem unnecessary, yet, closer scrutiny satisfies the most critical that in the modern scheme of government, those officials who are closest to the people—the county officials—should be in position to exercise their influence in national affairs.

Coos county is identified with the association and will participate in the publicity of the September issue of the official association magazine "County Officers," which will be sponsored by the counties of Oregon. Executive Secretary Geo. F. Simmons of Ogden, Utah, and Umatilla County Commissioner Wm. R. Meiners of Pendleton, national director from Oregon, met with the county court at Coquille Monday to make the arrangements.

With the federal government owning 45 per cent of the land in Coos

county, and with the vast possibilities for development in Coos county after the war, it seems to the County Court that closer co-operation should be developed between the county and federal governments, to the extent that the federal interests participate proportionately in the investment and cost of such development. This, it is believed, is one of the things that can be accomplished through co-operation with the national association.

Marketing Assn. Has Been Formed

To provide a means for grading and shipping livestock to market, producers of Coos county are now in the process of organizing a marketing association similar to that which has been functioning in a number of other Oregon counties, for as many as 14 years in Willowa which is the oldest association, according to R. H. Christensen, of Bullards' Route, Coquille, who is serving this group as temporary chairman.

A decision to organize for better and more orderly marketing of livestock followed a thorough discussion of problems which affect this industry at two producers' meetings held at Coquille and Myrtle Point recently. Quotas on the slaughter of livestock on the farm and by butchers, price ceilings, and difficulties involved in transporting livestock to market are the principal factors which have

stimulated this action at the present time, Christensen stated. Under the plan which has been discussed, all livestock will be graded into uniform lots and are expected to sell better on the market.

In addition to Christensen, the incorporators of this organization include E. L. Dettlefsen and Bob Geaney, Coquille; L. W. Lund, Gaylord; Ellis Dement, Myrtle Point; Albert H. Powers, Marshfield, and Robert E. Smith, Bandon.

It is proposed that a manager will be selected within the next few days to work with the growers in organizing shipments, and assistance will be available from Harry Lindgren, assistant Animal Husbandman at O. S. C., in establishing a plan for grading and marketing the various lots.

To assist the organization in being of greater service to the industry in Coos county this year, all producers are urged to advise the committee at once of the number of lambs they will have to ship this year and the approximate time they will be ready for market, sending the information to the Coos County Marketing Association in care of the County Agent's office in Coquille.

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S. P. Renews Appeal For Track Help Here

The urgent need for more spare-time workers to help Southern Pacific maintain its tracks in this vicinity was emphasized again today by F. A. Pook, local agent for the company. "Southern Pacific is short several thousand section men for its full-time crews in the Pacific Coast area," Mr. Pook said, "and is appealing to business and professional men, students and others, who have time to spare on weekends, to help relieve the shortage."

The proper maintenance of railroad tracks, he pointed out, is necessary for the speedy handling of the ever-growing war traffic. For this

reason, persons who are able to devote time to track work will be contributing directly to the country's war effort.

Since the campaign to enlist the services of spare-time workers on section crews was launched by Southern Pacific several months ago, Mr. Pook added, much valuable assistance has been received, but the company has immediate need for many more trackmen.

Weekend and holiday employment on the railroad offers local men not only an opportunity to engage in vital war work but also to earn extra money. Full information regarding this work may be obtained from the local agent.

<p>RANGES \$12.50 to \$115.00</p> <p>BABY BEDS \$1.50 to \$15.00</p> <p>Bed & Springs \$3.00 to \$18.50</p> <p>Sanitary Cots \$2.50 to \$5.00</p>	<p>Wanted</p> <p>Coil Bed Springs Enamel Ranges Dining Sets Davenport Davenos Mattresses</p>
<p>BROOKS Used Furniture Phone 119L</p>	

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT!

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1933	JUNE 30, 1943
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 8,799,775.82	\$ 70,806,699.46
United States Bonds, including U. S. Government Agencies	17,696,114.45	192,377,872.04
All Other Bonds	\$ 26,495,890.27	\$269,184,571.50
Loans and Discounts— MONEY AT WORK IN OREGON	11,783,661.66	6,169,246.87
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	10,240,178.29	37,927,259.58
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	105,000.00	300,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,226,433.72	2,711,835.74
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	1.00	1.00
Interest Earned	21,629.20	7,516.82
Other Resources	394,129.51	948,180.08
	199,210.56	143,368.08
Total Assets	\$ 50,466,134.21	\$311,891,479.67
LIABILITIES		
Capital	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00	5,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	288,076.46	2,477,009.53
Reserves for Contingencies	48,895.84	1,380,418.64
Reserves for Taxes, Interest, Etc.	\$ 3,836,972.30	19,857,428.17
Acceptances	94,382.90	580,534.35
Interest Collected in Advance	21,629.20	7,516.82
Circulating Notes Outstanding	3,827.86	187,492.60
Other Liabilities	2,500,000.00	None
Deposits	621,912.14	184,570.21
	43,387,409.81	296,623,937.52*
Total Liabilities	\$ 50,466,134.21	\$311,891,479.67

*Exclusive of regional bank deposits

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

Merchants of Credit

MAIN BRANCH, 5th, 6th and Stark

UPTOWN BRANCH
S.W. Sixth and Morrison

MONTAVILLA BRANCH
8005 S.E. Stark

ROSE CITY BRANCH
4200 N.E. Sandy

EAST PORTLAND BRANCH
S.E. 6th and Morrison

LIVESTOCK-KENTON BRANCH
8134 N. Denver Ave.

SOUTHEAST PORTLAND BRANCH
S.E. 82nd and Foster

UNION AND RUSSELL BRANCH
2544 N.E. Union

OTHER OREGON BRANCHES

ALBANY
ASHLAND
ASTORIA
BEND

CONDON
COQUILLE
ENTERPRISE
POESL

GRANTS PASS
GRESHAM
HEPPNER
MILLSBORO

HOOD RIVER
KLAMATH FALLS
LA GRANDE
LAKEVIEW

MARSHFIELD
MEDFORD
MERRILL
MOLALLA

NEWBERG
NORTH BEND
NYSSA
OREGON CITY

PENDLETON
SALEM
SHERMAN COUNTY
STATTON

THE DALLES
TILLAMOOK
UNION
WOODBURN

AFFILIATED BANKS

(Deposit total of \$14,919,025.87 not included in above statement)

BANK OF SELLWOOD, Portland
COOLIDGE & McCLAIN, Silverton
CLATSOP COUNTY BANK, Seaside

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COTTAGE GROVE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FOREST GROVE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PRINEVILLE

BANK OF SWEET HOME
THE SCIO STATE BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION