

Comprehensive Post War Program For Coos County Is Announced

(By County Judge L. D. Felsheim)

Coos County is among the first taxing units in the state to prepare a comprehensive postwar readjustment and development program, a detailed tabulation of which has, at the request of Governor Earl Sneyd, been filed with the Oregon State Highway Commission. The Commission has been authorized by the Governor to compile for the state a complete list of post-war projects that may be considered in plans for the employment of labor as soon as the war ends, and that may also be considered in cooperative match-money financing between federal, state and local interests.

Based on normal costs the total estimated cost of Coos county's program is \$946,330.00, of which \$674,318.00 covers 50 separate road and bridge projects, \$61,000.00 is for equipment and materials for the road department, and \$211,012.00 is for new buildings.

A general description and cost estimate of each road project has been prepared by County Roadmaster F. A. Robb, copies of which, together with a map of the county showing the entire road system and indicating those under consideration, are included in the program. Also included is a state highway map upon which are indicated those sections of the Oregon Coast highway favored by the County Court for immediate consideration by the state in its improvement program.

Recommendation to the state for their consideration are three projects, in the order of importance named: 1. North Bend to Marshfield to Coquille and Coquille to Myrtle Point to the bridge at intersection of Powers road; 2. Port Orford to California line; 3. Delake south to Newport.

The building projects in the county's program include a new court house of reinforced concrete, 75x160 feet, to replace the present wooden structure, the cost being estimated at \$182,000.00 and a new dairy barn at the county farm at an estimated cost of \$9,012.00. Expected source of funds for a court house are to be from a reserve fund which is to be taken up at a later date.

It is expected that finances for the road and bridge program will be cooperative between county, state and federal government. In order to provide the county's share a post war reserve fund was set up in the current county budget, with the sum of \$35,000.00 for the first nest egg. However, the first four months of the current fiscal year has produced considerably more revenue than was anticipated so the County Court has decided to increase by transfer the original nest egg to \$80,000.00. This, the court believes, can be done without impairing the debt-reduction program as outlined. Wiping out the county debt is given preference and this will be accomplished on or before its scheduled time.

To increase the post war reserve fund to a point where it will assure ample match money for the contemplated projects, the County Court plans to have placed in the 1944-45 and succeeding budgets, substantial amounts formerly placed there for debt reduction. Within a period of three or four years, enough revenue is anticipated in this way to meet the post war requirements, while at the same time tax levies will not be increased; to the contrary, if present favorable conditions continue, tax levies will at the same time be gradually reduced.

Coos County Court hopes to be ready for the post war "go" signal, not only with a list of contemplated projects, but with a sufficient number of the most readily available projects set up with plans and specifications and with the necessary cash at hand to match federal and state money as soon as offered.

The general plan of the Coos County Court is to carry on post war work without incurring indebtedness, and to effect, in so far as possible, complete road projects, including oil-bound surfaces. The program is designed to give the county a system of market and feeder roads that will be sufficiently conclusive to meet all present-day requirements and still be within the means of the county, without incurring indebtedness or increasing tax levies.

The road projects included in the program are listed herewith. These are not arbitrary placements, however, and can be changed or added to as conditions warrant:

Completion with new construction and joining two parts of present Olive-Barber Road: \$10,725.00; Construct and surface Market Road No. 33 connecting Krome Access Roads with Seven Devils Road: \$23,600.00; Reconstruct and improve alignment of McLain, Libby-Camman Road between Charleston and Englewood: \$18,480.00;

Construct Road on West side of Catching Slough. A short section to connect two dead end roads: \$12,485.00;

Reconstruct Market Road No. 4 from Arago-Halls Creek Junction to Highway 101: \$11,783.00;

Construct Bridge over Coquille River near bullards: \$102,500.00;

Construct Graveyard Point road Market road No. 3 in Coos Bay area: \$22,340.00;

Resurface Market Road No. 8, Bear Creek in Bandon area: \$17,424.00;

Resurface Market Road No. 27, Kentuck-Glasgow: \$13,939.00;

Resurface Market Road No. 26, South Coos River road in Eastside area: \$24,869.00;

Resurface Market Road No. 29, Bradley Lake, Bandon area: \$11,325.00;

Reconstruct Gravelford - Cooper Bridge Jct. Market Road No. 1, Myrtle Point area: \$12,144.00;

Resurface Market Road No. 1 between Myrtle Point and Gravelford, Myrtle Point area: \$14,850.00;

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State Librarian Addresses Club

"Recent Books," was the subject of an interesting discussion presented by Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, to members and friends of the Coquille Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon at the Parish House. Handling of reviews was done in a different and interesting way by paralleling old books with new. All books discussed or reviewed by Miss Stephens are available for borrowers here in the City Library. A little volume entitled "Invitation to Spanish," was displayed and recommended to those wishing to acquaint themselves with the Spanish language, as a follow-up of Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar's talk before the same group a month ago.

Miss Stephens came to Oregon two months ago from the Los Angeles library, where she had been for sixteen years. She spent Monday in Myrtle Point, Tuesday here and left that evening by bus for Elkton, where she was to be Wednesday.

Mrs. George Chaney, chairman of Education, had charge of the program and read a paper on the history of this state. This was a part of a plan to commemorate the Oregon Trail Centennial. The stage was hung with fine old blue and white counterpanes, one owned by Mrs. M. O. Hawkins being an heirloom from her grandmother. Another large-patterned one was the property of Mrs. R. A. Wernich handed down from five generations in her family. A side table displayed beautiful old platters and glassware, precious treasures owned by various members and lending atmosphere and background.

Highlight of the afternoon was a tableau and fitting symbolism of their ancestors, portrayed by Mrs. E. L. (Continued on page two)

Well Was Down 1,000 Feet The First Of This Week

The test well for oil and gas which the Bell-Loughlin firm of contractors is drilling for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation on Davis Slough, was down to the 1,000 foot depth on Monday, and three crews are working the clock around on eight-hour shifts.

The equipment brought up from Bakersfield, including the standardized rotary drill, is estimated to observers who have no connection with the drilling, to represent an investment of more than \$75,000.

The rotary is capable of boring to a depth of 5,000 feet and unless obstructions or obstacles are encountered at a shallower depth the 5,000 foot level should be reached within 60 days.

Drilling mud brought up by the contractors, which consists of water and a certain kind of clay, is heavy enough, when placed in the hole to prevent cave-ins. The first section was a ten-inch hole in order that casing might be inserted to a point of safety, down from the top, to control the flow of oil or gas, if and when a reservoir is tapped.

Besides the 36,000 acres of leased and purchased land on the Westport Arch and vicinity, which the Phillips company holds, there are other companies now actively engaged in securing leases in the county, and the operation is being watched with great interest, not only by the people of Coos county and Oregon, but by many Californians and other oil men from the Mid-Continent field.

It is known that a little gas and oil was struck in the well Walt Marrion drilled over above Fat Elk some years ago but that hole was not deep enough to be considered a thorough test and it was not on the Westport Arch proper.

If a gusher should be brought in at the Davis Slough site, which is two miles off the highway between Coquille and Marshfield, Coos county would experience a boom such as has never yet hit anywhere in Oregon.

Coquille Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross, 764, will meet on Friday, Nov. 12, from 1:15 to 4:15 o'clock, in Guild Hall. Although the ladies have not succeeded in securing as much material as needed, there is now on hand cotton flannel yardage for bed sox and more housewives (sewing kits). They also have partially prepared bedside slippers and a few card tables covers to sew.

"We are almost out of wool squares for afghans so it is sincerely hoped a number of women will turn out this week for cutting as well as crocheting. We are also in need of more wool material, colored yarn, large-eyed needles, wash cloths and colored cotton thread," says Mrs. D. B. Kesner. "Should some of our working women who are unable to do Red Cross work, care to contribute towards these articles we would be very glad to receive them."

"During the past week we received yarn and wool materials from Mrs. H. A. Young and Mrs. Geo. Ulett and a very pretty afghan was made and donated by Mrs. George Burr." Mrs. Phil Alborn, knitting chairman, has yarn to offer for both regulation and stump sox. She also appeals for more knitters so she will not be obliged to work her present group so hard in order to meet her knitting quotas.

One of the older ladies on her first visit to the work room said she had come at the request of her grandson in the service, who had asked that she donate at least one hour a week toward Red Cross work. She also added, "That was all I needed to get me started." If you have not yet started Red Cross work, why not attend the meeting on Friday and get started?

Rotary Meets

The Rotary Club met on Wednesday in the I. O. O. F. banquet room, where a committee headed by Jess Beyers served sandwiches, coffee and ice cream and cake.

O. B. Harriman observed a birthday this week and was presented with the book "A History of Rotary."

Bob Greene was initiated into the New Fathers' Club and Ken "Count" Lawrence was elected to membership in Rotary.

Vic Torrey, of Marshfield, was the sole Rotarian guest. Other guests were Lion Lin Swain, Lloyd Wood, of Seattle, and Brick Leslie.

Body Lying In State Thursday

The body of Thomas Sibley Evans, for several years the foreman at the Coos county highway shops here, will lie in state on Thursday, from 11 a. m. until 3 p. m., at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here. He passed away suddenly Monday morning from a heart attack.

The body is to be sent to Tacoma, Wash., where services will be held and interment will be in Mt. View Memorial Park.

He was born April 29, 1897, at Louisville, Nebraska, and was six months past 46 years of age. He had been a resident of Coquille for the past eight and one-half years. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his father, Hampton Scott Evans, who resides in Missouri; a brother, Lloyd H. Evans, of Winchester Bay, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Breuer and Mrs. Mildred McLean, both of whom reside in Tacoma.

Mrs. Moore To Be Buried At Bandon

The body of Mrs. Harriet Eunice Moore, mother of Ralph T. Moore at Bandon, arrived here Tuesday morning from Berkeley, Calif., where she had resided for several months, and was taken by Schroeder Bros. to Bandon, where services are being held Thursday morning, with her son-in-law, Rev. Robert N. McLean of Yakima, officiating. She passed away at her home in Berkeley last Saturday. Interment will be in the K. P. cemetery.

She was ten months and four days past 80 years of age, having been born at Mentor, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1863. She accompanied her parents to Hersey, Mich., where after teaching for a time she married Geo. W. Moore, now deceased, who operated the Moore mill at Bandon for some years. He passed away in 1932.

Besides her son, Ralph, she is survived by sons, Carl R. and John S., both of Piedmont, Calif., and Geo. W. Jr., of Petaluma, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Moore McLean, of Yakima, and by six grandchildren.

Sentinel Issued Wed. This Week

This Sentinel publication date, Nov. 11, being Armistice Day, the paper was printed Wednesday afternoon, in order that the force may enjoy the holiday along with the rest of the business houses employees but those who get their mail by postal carriers will not receive it until Friday as the postoffice is observing the holiday as are the county offices in the court house, the city hall, the bank and practically all business houses which are closed on Sunday.

Mail Christmas Gifts, Cards In November

The following statement in regard to early Christmas mailing, for delivery here in the United States, is made by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and should be heeded by everyone who hopes to have his or her cards and packages arrive at their destination before Christmas:

There can be no assurance, in view of the unavoidable handicaps of war, that gifts and cards mailed in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas will be delivered on time. Such matter must not impede the movement of war materials and personnel and military mail.

Lloyd Claver Taking His Physical Examination Early

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Claver and son, Gary, went up to Portland last Tuesday, where he will take his preliminary examination as a selectee. He is due to be called with the December class of selectees but had made arrangements to have his examination earlier so that, if he passes, he will have a month to get his business affairs in shape before reporting for duty.

Infantile Paralysis Case Taken To Portland

A Coquille case of infantile paralysis, Mrs. Georgia Sherwood Hanson, who is an employee in Mrs. Dorothy Bishop's office, was taken to the Portland Isolation Hospital in Portland, Tuesday, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sherwood. Mrs. Hanson, who is a widow, has a 3-year old son.

Ed. Rackleff Was Buried Wednesday At Norway Cemetery

One of Coos county's most respected and honored pioneers, although he had not lived in Coos since 1925, passed away at Portland last Saturday from a heart attack. He was Edward Rackleff, father of D. E. Rackleff of Coquille who was called to Portland when his father was stricken.

Mr. Rackleff, though 77 years of age, had been living in Portland for over a year and was employed in a shipyard. He was on a night shift and had worked Friday night.

The funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros. chapel in Myrtle Point at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment was in the Norway cemetery.

Ed Rackleff, as he was universally called, was born near Scottsburg on the Umpqua, the son of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. E. Rackleff who came to this coast from Maine. The son was born Sept. 9, 1866.

As a young man he took a course in accounting in San Francisco and in 1896 was elected county clerk of Coos county. He was re-elected in 1898 but, after serving a year of that term, he resigned and his deputy, L. H. Hazard, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term. The latter was then elected for two successive terms. The county seat was at Empire when Mr. Rackleff was clerk.

Mr. Rackleff moved to Myrtle Point and was in business there. In 1906 he was chosen as state representative for the joint Coos and Curry county district. In 1913-14 he served as cashier of the Myrtle Point Bank and in 1925 he moved to a farm near Canby in the Willamette valley, where he resided until moving to Portland.

On July 8, 1888, he was united to Miss Mary Jane Roberts, who survives him. Of the eleven children born to them a daughter and three sons preceded him in death.

Besides the son, David E., he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. T. W. Laird, of Klamath Falls, and sons, Leland R., of Omak, Wash.; Donald B. of San Francisco; Lieut. W. M. Rackleff, of the Army; Lowell W., of Klamath Falls; Spencer and Ensign Paul K. Rackleff, both in the Navy.

He is also survived by two great grandchildren, ten grandchildren, five brothers—Charles, Ralph and Lyman, of Myrtle Point; George, of Marshfield; Owen, of Los Angeles—and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Peppard, of Waldport, Ore., and Mrs. Nellie Angell, of Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Chas. Vincent Buried Wednesday

Father Kelly officiated Wednesday morning at nine o'clock at the funeral services, held in the Catholic church here; for Mrs. Chas. Vincent, who passed away at her home on Holly street Saturday evening. The services were under the auspices of Schroeder Bros. and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

She was ten months and eight days past 56 years of age, having been born in San Pedro, Mexico, Jan. 24, 1887. Her maiden name was Paz. She and her husband have lived in Coquille for the past 23 years.

Besides her husband she is survived by five sons, four of them in the service—Lawrence, with the Army in Africa; Charles and Frank in the Merchant Marine out of San Francisco; William, now in Sicily, and Paul, of Coquille; also by three daughters who reside here—Mrs. Eva Dulaney, Mrs. Mary Crump, and Mrs. Querina Galindo—and two brothers and a sister who live in Mexico.

We Admit Being Human And Making Mistakes

Mrs. Ralph S. Stephens tells the Sentinel that she has been receiving a great deal of kidding the past week about, "Mrs. O. C. Harry enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Underwood," an item in last week's issue. She and Mrs. Stephens were married in Roseburg last Dec. 6, but having known her for so many years as Mrs. Harry, the writer of that item wrote it that way without recollecting her marriage of a year ago.

Jack McCarthy Is Now A First Lieutenant

Jack McCarthy, who is stationed at Camp Young in California, was last week promoted to a first lieutenant in the army.