

Jack Bartlett, Consulting Engineer For State Post War Committee Makes Recommendations To Coquille Council

In a letter to Mayor O. L. Wood, which was read at Monday evening's council session, W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, consulting engineer for the Oregon Post War Readjustment and Development Committee, who spoke at a Chamber of Commerce meeting here a few weeks ago, encloses a report on Coquille's needs as he saw them while here. Writing of George A. Ulett, chairman of the city's Planning Commission, Mr. Bartlett says in one paragraph:

"I was very much pleased with my reception in Coquille and wish to congratulate the City on the type of men selected for the Planning Committee. The Chairman, I think, is very well selected as he is a man of vision and experience and although on the conservative side, is just what many times is lacking as it takes one with such trends to hold down many of us who could easily become too visionary in program improvements that were beyond our means or beyond the scope of success."

The report he sent is too long for its complete publication but following are extracts from it that local residents and taxpayers should be giving some thought to:

Resurvey and Monument

The city needs a complete resurvey and monumenting program with complete maps showing location of monuments and elevations as well as true property lines.

Streets

Your city is fortunate in having so many fine concrete streets with ample width for parking of cars in the business district. A program of city paving of the balance of the streets should be developed on the basis of traffic count and per ton mile service that is required. Because concrete paving costs five times that of oil macadam it would be much more economical to pave five blocks in the residential district where the load is not heavy and the pavement will last as long as needed with a lift or two added when service has made it necessary.

In sections where no paving nor curbs are in, I would recommend that concrete curb and gutter be placed conforming with elevations determined by city survey. The program of paving can then be made so that paving can be done when unemployment demands and postponed when industry again takes up the slack. This could be continued on a long range basis and thus keep employment on an even keel thus avoiding peaks of employments and valleys of depression.

Domestic Water System

The question of adequate water supply is one which is continually before city officials as it is so often that the rate of increase in population is greater than had been anticipated or the original cost of construction for a reservoir ample to take care of the future needs would have been too great a financial load on the smaller number of people. Coquille has the advantage of two reservoirs which gives opportunity to cut out either one for purposes of cleaning. This also provides two different sites at which the dam could be raised to increase the capacity if the feeder streams have sufficient flow to supply the needs.

The aqueduct from Walker Creek to Rink Creek reservoir is said to be a 4-inch wooden pipe and causes water losses due to the age and condition of the pipe. This should be replaced with at least 6-inch cast iron pipe and valves so installed that the water could be by-passed directly into the city mains in an emergency.

I think that one of the first improvements would be to install a complete purification plant of sufficient capacity to remove all algae and sediment from the water as heavy rains bring down considerable clayish substance and algae.

With the increase of population, increased housing, additional industrial plants, the distribution line from Rink Creek reservoir now being an 8-inch wooden pipe line, will have to be replaced with at least a 10-inch and I would advise a 12-inch cast iron pipe in order to be of sufficient capacity to take care of any increase in services. This will increase the water pressure and a complete survey of the condition of fire hydrants should be made to ascertain if fittings are correct for the pumper and other fire equipment. If not, they should be replaced as soon as possible in the program.

Sewerage and Sewerage Disposal

The sewerage problem in Coquille is one which should have a very thorough study before complete plans are approved. The very irregular terrain will inject problem of sewerage collection that will necessitate the study of several methods before a decision can be made as to the most efficient installation with the greatest economy.

Because of the heavy rainfall in that section the drainage system if possible, should be designed either as a separate system or so that the flood waters could by-pass the disposal plant and thus permit full efficiency of the disposal plant without over-loading.

The initial cost for the construction of a disposal plant being quite large when considered on the basis of the individual user, many times results in plants of capacity just adequate to serve the present population being built. This is false economy as the additional cost of enlargement at a future date approaches that of new construction. It is for this reason that I stressed the plan of making a population curve and developing the program of the city on an over-all basis. The matter of the industrial waste present and anticipated, should be studied as some industries present a sewerage disposal problem equal to five thousand people. The additional housing that is evidenced and the probability of enlarging the city limits to take in the population on the fringe of the city, figures into this sewerage problem.

The location of the disposal plant as discussed with Mr. Gearhart and Mr. Wood and from the reconnaissance survey we made, will perhaps be placed in the flats west of the State Highway Shops as this would permit collection with a minimum of pumping and be close to the river where the treated effluent can be piped directly under water.

Due to the fact that a large part of the city does not now have any sewer service at all, including Coquille Heights, the Hand Tract and the North End Section, the installation of a complete collection system would include around 600 new connections, 150 manholes, 75 catch basins and intercepting sewer and a pumping plant.

I would advise that the State Sanitary Authority be consulted and that you request a survey by the Engineering Experiment Station at Oregon State College, who are working with the Sanitary Authority and State Board of Health. It is not possible to make a very close estimate of the cost of this work but I would hazard a guess at from \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

I would recommend that steps be taken at once to begin the collection of a reserve of funds for this work either by a tax levy or by a surcharge on the water users as is being done in many cities. As soon as possible a reliable engineering firm should be contacted to make the study and submit tentative plans for the work so that when material and labor is available, the work could be started and so programmed as to fit into the future improvements of the city.

If the disposal plant is to be in this location, construction might be accomplished before dredging and thus save some of the cost.

Recreation

Your exceptionally fine community center and the plans for its development place you far ahead of the average city of Oregon and you are to be complimented in your foresight and interest. It is considered better practice to have so far as possible, all the recreational facilities grouped as closely as possible so that all ages in the community can take advantage of them and improve the time spent in off work periods to the best advantage of all members of the family.

Education

I would suggest that you take the School Superintendent into the planning program as you know all phases of the city are affected by the over-all program of city development.

I covet for Coquille the continued public interest and keen co-operation of seasoned business men with sound judgment, that was evidenced when I had the pleasure of meeting with you.

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Mrs. Chaney's Niece A Ship's Mascot

Friends of Mrs. George Chaney here are familiar with the pictures of her lovely niece, Betty Ribble Cross, who is an artists' model and cover girl in New York. A year or two ago Life magazine featured her on their cover and showed a series of views of her in the same publication. Betty is the daughter of Mrs. Chaney's brother and granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Ribble of Marshfield. Mrs. Ribble has just received a copy of an interesting letter which her granddaughter received from London, England, written by Lieut. H. B. Holland, of his Majesty's Canadian Ship "Ribble." It was sent to Mrs. Ribble by Betty's father, Dr. Ribble of New York, and marked, "Copy of fan mail letter received by Betty."

With the letter was a photograph of the ship, "Ribble." Even a nationally recognized beauty like Betty must have thrilled to the homage expressed in a letter which stated she had fired the imagination and captured the hearts of one hundred and fifty officers and men, the entire ship's company in fact.

The Ribble family had its roots in England and there is a Ribble river, well known to people of that country, which accounts for the name of the ship. Mrs. Chaney's father, Mrs. Ribble's late husband, David Wellington Ribble, was of this family. Several years ago a book came out entitled, "How Green Is My Valley." It was later screened. The background of the book was an English countryside, the county and river running through it both were named Ribble. And so, after three generations in America, a beautiful girl of that name inspires a whole ship's company, officers and men of a ship named out of her own ancestry.

The young Canadian officer's letter follows:

Dear Betty: Did you know that you have fired the imagination and captured the hearts of one hundred and fifty officers and men? The entire ship's company, in fact, of His Majesty's Canadian ship "Ribble." May we adopt you as our mascot and pin-up girl?

One day last week a rating was idly thumbing the pages of "Screenland" when your picture appeared. In a trice it was on one of the ship's notice-boards.

Aboard here we have something rather unique in the way of entertainment, namely, the R.B.S. (Ribble Broadcasting System) which provides amusement for one and all during the many weary days at sea. Our roving reporter sighted the picture, but it took four days of constant reference over the "mike" before the magazine was brought to light and some information as to your likely whereabouts was obtained.

I happen to be the First Lieutenant and as such, one of my many responsibilities is the welfare of the troops. Lady, if you value my sanity, please send not one, but several pictures for the various messes. We, of the Wardroom, would deem it quite a privilege to hang your likeness, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, in the place of honour.

Incidentally, as an added thought, some enterprising journalist could make quite a good yarn of this which might, or might not, be of assistance to you.

Am enclosing a snap of the ship. Haven't enough nerve to include one of myself as, who knows, we may hit New York one of these days and you might wish to recognize me.

During the course of my thirty-three years I have never before written a fan letter, nor am I likely to again, so please be charitable. Sincerely, H. B. Holland, Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

Fashion Note

Do mothers who have children in jail wear black or gray? Find out in the Junior Play, "Cross My Heart" at the High School Gym on Thursday evening, March 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

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Grand Officers Visit Beulah Chapter

Last Thursday evening, Feb. 22, the Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated for the official visit of the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Hazel Graham. Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., was also honored by having as its guests, Dr. June Martin, Past Grand Matron and member of the Educational committee of the General Grand Chapter, and Sylvan West, Associate Grand Patron.

The meeting was preceded by a 5:30 o'clock dinner in the banquet hall at which over 90 were present. The long tables were attractively decorated with red, white and blue streamers and bouquets of cherry blossoms. Group singing at the tables was led by Mrs. R. E. Boober with Mrs. Birdie Skeels at the piano.

At the meeting upstairs, short talks were given by the honored guests, after which a school of instruction was conducted by the Associate Grand Matron. A lovely degree was given her by ten courtesy girls, attractively gowned in floor length dresses and carrying gaily decorated umbrellas. Mrs. Eunice Barrow added the finishing touch with her rendition of the poems, "God's Sunshine" and "The Human Touch," accompanied by Mrs. Lola Milne at the piano.

The Worthy Matron, Edith McNelly, in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. Graham with a gift from the Chapter.

Thursday evening, March 8, there will be a reception for Mrs. Inez Glaisyer, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, at the regular meeting of Beulah Chapter. Mrs. Glaisyer, a resident of Coquille for many years, is a member of Beulah Chapter, No. 6.

Engaged Or Not?

Local rumor mongers are wondering if a certain young lady (older daughter of a local banker), is really engaged to a certain eligible bank clerk, or if the wedding is "off." Find out in the Junior Play, on March 1 at the High School Gym at 8:00 p. m.

Old papers be a bunce.

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Young Couple Missing

Police are searching for two high school students who disappeared, driving the car belonging to the brother of the young lady involved. It is feared that they may have had a serious accident for a tender of the car was found on the highway. Hear how it happened in the Junior Play tonight.

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