

70 Attend Lunch At Hotel To Hear State Engineer

Seventy people heard R. H. Baldock, state of Oregon highway engineer, say there was no immediate prospects of a new highway between Coos Bay and Coquille at the regular Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Hotel Coquille Tuesday noon.

Of the seventy diners, a large number included prominent residents of Bandon, Coos Bay and North Bend. Included among the visitors were Ben Chandler, Coos Bay banker, and newly appointed member of the state highway commission, as well as editors of the county newspapers.

Engineer Baldock was introduced by President Evan Albom and spoke briefly concerning the history of the state highway commission. He told of the cost of building highways now which is roughly \$150,000 per mile, and said he was authorized to spend only \$600,000 on the Coos Bay-Coquille road. This would improve or construct only four miles of road.

Surveys call for this amount to be spent sometime during the next three years. Original plans were made to do the work around Bunker Hill but he stated that the work could well be done on this end.

Troubles encountered here include marshlands and sliding hillsides, and a lack of road materials for easy access. This makes the cost of work in Coos county much higher than in any other part of the state, he said.

In answer to direct questions about the work on the new highway and plans calling for construction, Mr. Baldock said it would undoubtedly come within the 15-year plan of the highway commission. He showed a map of surveys made for a proposed route which would come in west of the city of Coquille.

Citing Coquille's central situation, and the fact that it served as the focal point for the trade area of the rich Coquille valley, Baldock said the city would be served with a highway.

He said there had always been agitation for a direct coastal route over the Seven Devils, and surveys taken a number of years ago had shown this road would cost in the millions. He said that inevitably the road would be built there, but it was far distant.

Other problems of the highway commission in planning road buildings, Baldock said one of the present troubles is lack of money. With no increase in taxes, yet with a tremendous inflation in price of roadwork, it is becoming impossible to plan too far ahead.

He said the commission would be using surplus money saved to keep from piling up a deficit the next few years.

Amey Mintony recommended to Mr. Baldock that driveouts be made on the present Coos Bay-Coquille highway for trucks to enter at the foot of steep grades so passenger car travel could pass safely.

To a question concerning the Arago secondary highway project, Mr. Baldock said it was on a three-year program and that \$135,000 had been allocated for the work.

Present investment of the state in highways amounts to \$257,000,000, with a net worth after depreciation of \$188,000,000. Mr. Baldock said depreciation caused by wear and faster traffic and growth is also a tough problem that holds up too much new construction.

Chrome Plant Sale Announced For November 29

Sale of the physical assets of the Chrome plant near Coaledo on the Marshfield highway are announced for November 29th by the war assets administration through an advertisement appearing in the Portland papers and other papers including The Sentinel this week.

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Town Forum Called Dec. 9 On Swimming Pool Project

Second PUD Meeting Set For Tuesday At Coos Court House

The second meeting of interested citizens who are circulating petitions asking for a survey by the hydro-electric commission on the feasibility of a Public Utilities district for Coos county will be held Tuesday night, Nov. 26th, in the court house.

J. F. McKee, North Bend, is chairman of the group. At the first meeting last week 25 people were present. County Assessor Charles W. Forrest is secretary-treasurer of the group.

Although no definite time has been set for the returning of signed petitions, it is expected that they will be turned in the next two months. Bandon would be excluded from the proposed survey for the PUD as that city owns its power plant and lines.

\$99,465.90 Taxes Paid By Mt. States To Sheriff Howell

One of the largest checks to be received last week by Sheriff and Tax Collector William Howell was one written in his favor for \$99,465.90 by the Mt. States Power company, from Clarence Coe, district manager.

The gross tax bill of the company was \$102,542, with the three per cent rebate being allowed for payment on or before Nov. 15.

The North Bend steam power plant of the company had as its share of the tax the sum of \$41,500.

County Court Names Veterans Aide

At the request of the Allied Commanders League, representing each veterans' organizational unit in Coos county, the County court Monday authorized the employment of C. E. Weber, Coos Bay, as acting county service officer and provided funds for expense of his office up to the sum of \$50.00 per month.

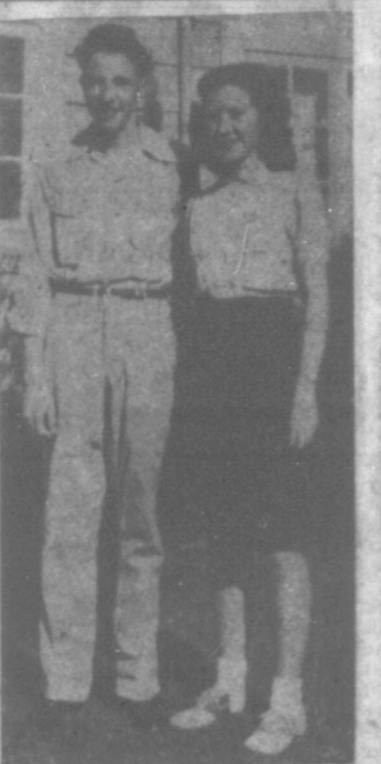
Weber is already under salary by the federal government in charge of the Selective Service office for the county, and except for additional expense involved, according to the commander's league, is willing to take on the work as service officer. The appointment of Weber is made on a temporary basis.

Action of the county court is authorized under Chapter 290, Oregon Laws of 1945. No funds were provided in the current budget for a service officer, but the present demand for such service is deemed an emergency and makes the county emergency fund available.

S. H. Peterson, Jr., Coquille, commander of the Allied Commanders League of the county, appeared in person and presented the written request to the county court, setting forth the proposed terms of the county's participation.

Resolution Sent To National Offices

A resolution asking that the Coquille Retail Credit association's loan bureau be given territory from Coquille South to Brookings and Harbor was forwarded this week to the National Retail Credit association, Don Farr, president, announced.



TWIN LEADS IN THE JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Sunshine Twins, and twins in real life too are Barleen Crossley and Darrell Crossley who have the leading roles in the annual Junior class play to be presented tonight (Thursday) in the Coquille high school auditorium.

Mrs. Emily Price directs the play which is a three-act comedy complete with laughs and thrills.

County Gideons Slate Meetings

The Coos County Gideons will conduct meetings at the Latter Day Saints' church in Myrtle Point at 7:30 the evening of Nov. 24th. It was announced today by Donald Farris, Walter Parker of M. and W. Auto company will lead the services.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 1, Rowland James of North Bend will conduct Gideon services in the Myrtle Point Assembly of God church.

Last Sunday services were conducted in the Bridge community church by the Gideons.

Social Security Official To Arrive

Carl D. Monroe, manager of the Eugene office of the Social Security Administration, will be in Coquille Wednesday, November 27, 1946, to assist individuals in filing applications for their Old-Age and Survivors claims and discuss any questions concerning the Social Security Act.

Monroe may be reached at the City Hall in Coquille from 8:30 a. m. to noon.

Green Light Given Freezer Project

The green light was given Ed Hughes of Cranberry Canners today by the president of the company for immediate construction of a 40 by 60 foot concrete building which will be two stories high and to house the proposed freezing equipment in the new expansion plan of the company.

Governor Snell Sets Thanksgiving

Governor Snell today called on the citizens of Oregon to join with the rest of the nation in the observance of Thanksgiving day, November 28.

"From time immemorial, late fall has been the time for festivals and rejoicing in the bounties of nature and in completion of the harvest," the governor declared in his Thanksgiving day proclamation.

"The history and legends of the most ancient antiquity give evidence of feasting and prayer at this season of the year.

"Let us do homage to God in our homes and churches. Let us honor this country and state which we love by a display of the flag. And let us resolve ourselves to the peaceful task of building a better world so that future generations may have the heritage which is ours."

Cpl. D. W. Mitchell With Headquarters Of 40th Bomb Wing

40TH BOMB WING, Erlangen, Germany, Nov. 21—Cpl. DeWayne W. Mitchell, P. O. Box 473, Coquille, Oregon, on duty with the AAF occupational troops in Europe, is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron of the 40th Bomb Wing, located in Erlangen, a famous old University town in Germany.

The Wing, commanded by Brigadier General Emil C. Kiel, is in charge of all heavy bombardment operations in the ET.

Cpl. Mitchell, who has been overseas since April 1945, is the chief clerk in the Intelligence Section. Prior to entering the Army in February 1944, he was a student at the University of Utah. He attended Coquille high school, Coquille, Oregon, and the Montana State college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mitchell, his parents, live at the above address.

Democrat Rooster Gets The Axe

From Riverton, Oregon, that green and thrifty little town on the banks of the Coquille came a post-election story that pleased the fancy of many a Republican.

Beside him stood the large and powerful Rhode Island Red cock towering over the small bantam, and the Rhode Island was silent.

Mr. Baumgartner in the evening before election returns came in and told a meeting of his friends that Dewey was re-elected and that the Republicans were going to win. When they questioned him about his knowledge far in advance of any election results, he told them the story of the roosters.

Some of them were dubious, but according to Mr. Baumgartner, they changed as the radio news came over the air.

Rankin, Ulett, Formulate Plans To Explain Costs Of Pool To Citizens

Residents and property owners of the city of Coquille will get an opportunity to study the proposed plans for a swimming pool for Coquille at a town forum called for Monday night, December 9th in the Coquille Community building by George Ulett, chairman, and Dr. John Rankin, co-chairman of the General Committee of the Service clubs of Coquille.

In explaining the reasons for calling this town meeting, Mr. Ulett and Dr. Rankin explained that it was their feeling that taxpayers of the city should have a chance to study costs of bond issues, costs of pools, plans, and all other pertinent material before the General Committee went ahead with plans to secure planning engineers for the work.

Plans for the pool will cost money, and if the voters at a bond election should defeat the proposal it would have been spent foolishly. With an open town meeting at which all points can be brought up and explained, it is felt that a bond issue would then be the mandate of the people.

Hode Caughell of the city recorder's office this week prepared for The Sentinel the following statistical chart showing the cost of a six-year bond issue of \$50,000 to the property owners of Coquille. It is based upon an interest rate of two per cent which is a high average for good city bonds at this time.

Table with columns: Issue, Interest Payments, Assessed Levy, Total Value City, Amount Tax per \$1,000. Rows include various interest rates and total values.

Employees Honor Bob Stewart

Robert Stewart, retiring manager of the Mt. States Power company, was honored with a testimonial dinner Monday night in the Hotel Coquille by his employees. Mr. Stewart is leaving in December for a new post in the Willamette valley after 17 years service in Coquille.

Bill Head was master of ceremonies of the informal party and dinner. An electric blanket was presented Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. District Manager Clarence Coe talked as did most of the employees of the local branch of Mt. States.

Many of the employees took part in the dinner honoring their popular "boss" in their linesman clothes, coming in from the storm where they worked up to the last minute, making sure that all of Stewart's area was getting electricity.

Active Club Insures Coquille Athletes

Athletes in Coquille high school will no longer have to dig into their pockets—or the pockets of their parents—to pay for medical care caused from athletic injuries, for the Coquille Active club today took out a blanket policy on all basketball players of the Red Devils for the coming season. They will also insure for track and football next year, Gene Fields, chairman of arrangements for the program, stated today.

School officials through Coach Enoch Jungling, Principal Ernest James, and Supt. Carl Morrison are enthusiastic over the project of the Active club.

Mt. States Adds Line Re-Closer

A new automatic line re-closer was added to the Bandon lines by Mt. States Power company, it was announced by Manager Bob Stewart, to work when geese, tree branches, or any other object shorts out a line. This saves time and assures better service.

Nominating Group Named By Chamber

George Burr, Orville Wood and Harry Slack were named on the committee to nominate officers for 1947 for the Chamber of Commerce. Nominations will be turned in on Dec. 3rd and election will be held Dec. 17th, President Evan Albom stated.

Food Surplus To Be For Schools

According to the office of the County Superintendent Martha Mulkey Purdy, surplus commodities are expected for distribution to school lunch ereg. long. At present a limited amount of canned goods has been received and the government reports that dried onions will be available shortly. At an early date they anticipate having potatoes for distribution.

High Prices, Low Wages Paint Graphic Picture of Living in New York City

A startling picture of life in the east—and particularly in New York City and the Bronx and Manhattan—can be gazed at in a recent copy of the Home News of the Bronx owned by Pat Murphy, genial insurance and real estate salesman with the George E. Oerding office.

With chopped meat—hamburger to us westerners—selling at \$1.10 per pound, and particularly no pounds to be bought—turkey selling at \$1.20 per pound, and few of them—butter well over a \$1.00, and little butter, it costs money to live in New York.

Added to this, apartments are renting in rent controlled areas at \$500.00 per month. Rooms, single, are higher than the proverbial bit.

But the joker is the Help Wanted advertisements in the classified columns of the Home News. Here there are lots of firms wanting men, and salaries—we call 'em wages out here—run from a low of \$16.00 a week to a high of \$27.50 per week.

According to Murphy, many a veteran with children that he knows personally has come back to go to work for \$25.00 per week, and it's a hard, hard struggle for the family to keep themselves alive.

Added to that competition is terrific and life loses a lot of its fun and glamour.

Murphy added that so many of the people there have never had enough money to pick up and get out that they can't visualize the West and the opportunities out here.

On the front page of the Home-town News is a picture of 3,000 people blocking the entrance of a local grocery store because the rumor had gotten out that there was some meat in the store. And even at \$1.10 per pound for hamburger, people have to eat.

Horace Greeley who in his time wrote many a pertinent editorial, could well come back to write again for the New York people, his famous words, "Go West Young Man, Go West."

Lawrence Sees Interesting Election In California Cities On November 5th

Kenneth Lawrence reports much interest in balloting in California on November 5th, and says already there is some reaction against the Republicans shoved into power. Reaction is based, says Mr. Lawrence, on some of the silly things the recently named candidates have said.

According to Count Lawrence it was inevitable that the Democratic "ins" in city offices would be boosted out. Tax statements were mailed out just two days before the election, and the taxes had really doubled in California.

The taxpayers cried to heaven, and went to the polls.

An interesting corollary, however, said Count was the fact that there were so many big bond issues on the local ballots in California. Every city is planning big projects of 25,000,000 dollars down to a mere \$2,000,000 for sewers and other things. And though the taxpayers are groaning many of the bond issues passed.

Real estate has felt the first effects of more normal times, and there are no fantastic sales going on now. Retail business continues to be good in the Bay area, but the closure of the shipyards is having some effect.

General attitude among Californians however continues to be fair and brighter—or they are looking ahead to great times in the next five years, providing labor and management can get together long enough to produce something to sell before all the surplus assets in the private individuals' pockets are used up.

Count also attended Rotary meetings for the two months he was in California and reports a very fine spirit of hospitality in the California Rotary clubs.

S. D. A. Dorcas Sale Today

Today, Thursday, Nov. 21, is the day of the S.D.A. Dorcas sale. Comforters, pillow cases and many other articles are being displayed. The most interesting part of the sale is the cooked food counter.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to continue the shipment of clothing overseas.

Union Service For Thanksgiving

Union church services will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday, Nov. 28th, Thanksgiving morning, for the people of Coquille, with the Rev. W. R. Munger of the Assembly of God preaching. The services will be held in the Nazarene church.

Music will be furnished by the Nazarene choir.