

## Coos County Assessor Explains Reasons North Bend Gets Tax On Airport Buildings

Coos County Assessor Charles W. Forrest is in receipt of a letter written to Harold A. Olson, mayor of North Bend, by Chester E. McCarty, counsel for State Board of Aeronautics, clarifying further his opinion of August 6, 1949, on the assessment of certain property to the City of North Bend by the Assessor, said property being located at the general airport location but which was rented and leased for commercial purposes other than airport use.

Mr. McCarty writes: "My opinion, dated August 6, 1949, presupposed as your inquiry seemed to indicate, that all of the property in question was used by the City of North Bend for airport purposes or purposes incidental to the operation of the airport, and were this the case said opinion still would be applicable and I am sure your district attorney would agree."

However, as disclosed from the letter from your district attorney concerning which you wrote the commission on October 11, there seems to have been several leases of buildings, etc., for purposes other than operation of the airport. Of course, these do not come within the exemptions provided by the statute and therefore an assessment against them is in order."

The assessments placed by the assessor were on the following rented or leased properties: James

Boynton cottage; twelve duplex apartments; Farm Industrial Equipment Co., warehouse; K & M Trucking company; Outpost Stevedores; Sky Room Cafe; building rented to Naval Reserve; building rented to Coos Cranberry Co-op; Purkey Furniture, and Evans Products company; rental to William McClure; Commercial Marine Co. and West Coast Airlines.

Forrest states that under Chap. 382, 1947 Laws he is compelled to assess this property. This law reads, Sec. 1, "All real property of this state or any institution or department thereof or of any county or city, town or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of this state, held under lease or rented by any person, corporation or association whose real property, if any, is taxable, shall be subject to assessment and taxation."

The assessor holds that under this law even the airport tower is legally assessable as the city is receiving quite some revenue out of its use and according to the law the West Coast Airlines as well as the other renters or leasers, own and are assessed and taxed with real property, and the assessor has no other alternative but to follow the law.

The city officials of North Bend have contended that the property was not assessable and that the assessor was in error in making

the assessment. The assessor has suffered considerable criticism by some council members and the results have been that even many taxpayers in North Bend have not understood the true situation.

The assessor states further that at one time the City of North Bend operated an auto court which never was assessed and could not be assessed under the laws of that time, and that the city still continues to lease buildings and property to a fish packing plant and a marine supply company, in addition to the enterprises at the airport. It is unlawful for any municipality to enter into private enterprises such as these, in direct competition with taxpaying building owners, and to the detriment of such owners, and still hold their enterprises tax exempt. It is establishing in itself a national trend of absolute dictatorship and ownership of all properties by the state and municipality and can only end in complete ruin.

### LUMBER DIRECTORY ISSUED

An authentic directory of the Forest Products Industry of Western North America has just been released for distribution by The Timberman, an international lumber journal, Portland, Oregon. Comprehensive in scope, the 1950 edition is the most complete such compilation ever published, listing over 9,500 companies, their addresses, principal equipment and key personnel, with a separate listing of over 12,000 key individuals and their business titles.

See "Spike" Leslie for insurance of all kinds, phone 5 or 95-L. ttc

## Furniture Making Project Planned

"The Meridians," the young adult group of the Methodist church made plans at a meeting last week to make furniture for the church nursery. The new project will be started at the February meeting of the organization.

## How To Drive When Icy, Told

Ice and snow conditions now general throughout the state are bringing an upsurge of skidding accidents, the secretary of state's Traffic Safety division has reported.

The division said following another car too closely, sudden speeding up or braking, and too much speed at intersections and curves are commonest driving faults causing trouble on ice or snow.

Braking distances are from 3 to 12 times greater under such conditions it was pointed out, making it imperative that drivers keep plenty of space between their car and the vehicle ahead.

To help avoid that helpless feeling when your car goes into a skid, the division offered these tips:

1. "Pump" the brakes when applying pressure to the brake pedal to keep wheels from locking, help prevent side skids, and to maintain directional control.

2. Be gradual in starting, stopping or changing direction of movement.

3. Use tire chains, to reduce braking distances and to provide added traction when moving from a stopped position or climbing a grade.

4. Whenever possible, stay off the roads entirely following severe storms to facilitate snow removal and sanding by maintenance crews.

### MANY ATTEND CHRISTOPHER DINNER

A large number of Coquille people took part in the first dinner served by the Christophers, a young woman's group of Holy Name Catholic church, Wednesday evening at the community building. The spaghetti dinner was excellent.

In Eugene—County Agent George Jenkins is in Eugene this week attending a convention of Oregon Dairymen. Accompanying Mr. Jenkins to Eugene was A. Russell of Myrtle Point.

# Coquille Valley Sentinel

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1950.

## Western Auto Dealer Off For Trip

Western Auto Supply Co., a division of Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., with headquarters in Los Angeles, has revived the old company custom of holding district-wide merchandising conferences for all its authorized dealers and branch store managers.

Three such merchandising conferences will be held in the cities of Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles this coming week, and it is the one in Portland that will take Coquille's Authorized Dealer Harry M. Johnson away from his Western Auto store for five days. The Portland conference will be held on Jan. 27 and 28 with a three-day preview of new merchandise, as well as the conference sessions.

A banquet will round out the first full day of the conference and round table discussions will take place each day for interchange of ideas and methods.

According to Johnson, one chief reason for holding merchandising conferences at this time, is to acquaint all dealers and managers of branch stores with the remarkable stock of new merchandise the firm has assembled for the Silver Anniversary Celebrations and Sales that will be held simultaneously by the nearly 3000 stores of the two divisions in early spring, this year.

During Johnson's absence from Coquille, Stacy Johnson, his well known and capable assistant, will be in charge of the Western Auto store.

Attending San Francisco Meeting—Rev. Robert Lessing is this week in San Francisco as guest of the School of Prophets. The meetings which will provide spiritual retreat and instruction are being held at Grace Cathedral.

## International Harvester Putting Out Colorful Picture Book On Africa

The so-called "dark continent" of Africa isn't dark—it's a colorful pageant of primitive natives, big game, names and places, according to Commander Attilio Gatti, noted explorer who recently completed his 11th expedition to Africa.

Commander Gatti, author of a profusely illustrated 24-page booklet, to the "Mountains of the Moon," published and distributed by International Harvester company, outlines the story of the preparation for his travels and the establishment of the expedition's eight main camps in British East Africa.

The booklet, to be distributed to schools, libraries and other inter-

ested groups, features eight pages of brilliant full-color photographs. Its text pages are liberally sprinkled with black and white pictures and a sketch map of the long journey.

The Kodachrome illustrations, sixteen in number, show native warriors, animals, African landscapes and exotic birdlife. The black and white photographs show similar subjects plus scenes of camp life and procedure. The photographs are chosen from 10,000 taken during the course of the expedition.

Free copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing the International Harvester company, Consumer Relations department, 180 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.

## Myrtle Point Man Will Lead 4-H Leaders

Lloyd "Duke" Davenport of Broadbent Route, Myrtle Point, was installed as president of the Coos County 4-H leaders association at a meeting on January 19.

Other officers installed by Orvus Miller, retiring president, were Sadie Larson, vice-president; Maurits Jalo, secretary-treasurer; and John Van Calcar and Deloris Sell, executive committee members at large.

The leaders association voted to pay five dollars towards the expenses of each leader who attends the three day Western Oregon 4-H Leaders Conference which is being held in Corvallis this week.

The subject of 4-H summer camp was discussed and a decision was reached to hold the camp at Myrtlewood near Bridge this year.

Miss Ida Oerding and Maurits Jalo were appointed to a commit-

tee to bring the organization constitution up to date.

It was urged by Walter Schroeder, County Extension Agent 4-H, that all enrollment blanks be sent into the 4-H office as soon as possible. Clubs cannot be recognized as 4-H clubs before the enrollments are received. As soon as the enrollments are received in the county office, the project materials will be sent to the leader.

Pins were presented to leaders who have completed these first year of leadership and 100 per cent achievement certificates were year of leadership and 100 per cent clubs.

Have New Boiler—A new boiler with steam generator has been installed this week at No-D-Lay Cleaners. The interior of the building has received a re-paint job during the week.

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# JIM'S MARKET

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## 5 helpful tips to mattress shoppers



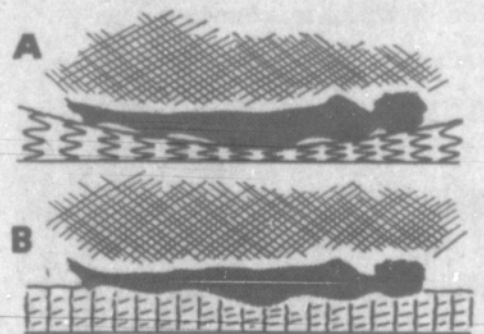
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