

Basic Taxation Facts Offered Public Here For District Public Meeting When State Legislative Group Appears

Citizens of Coquille and Coos county will have an opportunity Tuesday, June 6, to find out why taxes are the way they are, and to offer suggestions to the Oregon legislative interim committee on any improvements that could be made, it was announced today by Senator Howard Belton of Canby, chairman of the interim taxation committee.

The meeting will start at a luncheon at noon in the Hotel Coquille when the Coquille Chamber of Commerce plays host to the committee and other visitors, Clarence Osika, chamber secretary said today.

Following the luncheon a forum will be held in the junior auditorium of the Community building. Both the luncheon and the afternoon meeting are open to the public.

The committee is composed of seven persons chosen either by the presiding officers of the two legislative houses or the governor because of particular knowledge about taxation. It has met in 13 Oregon towns and its program is acclaimed as being of immense value to those who wish to learn more about the taxation system of the state.

Later the committee will adopt a program based upon its own study and the information which it accumulates in meetings over the state. Each person who attends a meeting or offers comment or suggestion may contribute to that program which will be presented to the 1951 legislature.

The committee offers a variety of subjects for discussion. There are brief talks on taxation for schools, on cost of government, on welfare, on the veterans' bonus and explanations of the proposal to eliminate the state property tax, of amendment to the corporation excise tax, of assessment and collection methods, of a business tax to replace the personal property tax. No one talks long. Those who attend have ample opportunity to express themselves.

Members of the committee are Senator Howard C. Belton of Canby, chairman; Senator Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville, Representative John I. Sell of The Dalles, Moro, legislative member, and Mrs. Louise Humphrey of Oak Grove, Kelly Lee of Portland and Earl B. Day of Medford, members appointed by the governor.

Forest Fire Blazes Over Coos Forest Areas

A hot, but scattered forest fire, blazed over parts of five sections of timber land and slash 12 miles south of Powers on the south fork of the Coquille river Tuesday and Wednesday but was nearly under control today.

The fire was reported by the Siskiyou national forest ranger station at Powers as being in sections 13, 14, 15, 22 and 33, township 32, south, range 12 west.

The fire was whipped by winds Tuesday after it had started in the Evans Products company logging timber in the Sykes operation, according to the ranger station.

Forty-five men with three bulldozers and five tank trucks from the forest service and logging company worked on the blaze. Control lines have been thrown around the fire.

In Curry county a 26-acre fire in old slashing was reported late Wednesday east of Humboldt mountain close to the Siskiyou forest boundary.

Cancer Drive Brings In \$1,661.92

A total of \$1,661.92 has been gathered in the 1950 cancer drive, it was reported today by Raymond Magnuson, Coos chairman.

Coquille has contributed \$201.00; Powers-Myrtle Point \$106.50; Bandon \$131.00; North Bend \$211.00; Coos Bay \$981.37, and Empire and Charleston \$30.95. Quota for drive is \$2,500.

What's Buzzin'

Thurs., June 1, 7:30 p. m., Coquille Gem and Mineral society meeting. At Coquille Labor temple. Everyone welcome.

Fri., June 2: Past Noble Grand club meets at home of Mrs. Nettie Griffin for 8 p. m. dessert.

Fri., June 2: Rural Fire meeting, Council chambers, 8 p. m.

Fri., June 2: Joint installation of officers Eagles lodge and auxiliary, Eagles hall, 8 p. m.

Mon., June 5: Church of God Daily Vacation Bible School commences at 9 a. m.

Mon., June 5: B. P. W. meeting, junior auditorium, 8 p. m.

Wed., June 7: Coquille Soroptimists club will be entertained by North Bend-Coos Bay club at a smorgasbord dinner, North Bay-side Grange hall.

Schools Voting Set June 22

The consolidation of school district 54C Bandon, and district 62, Bear Creek, has been set by the district boundary board for Thursday, June 22, according to Martha Mulkey Purdy, county school superintendent.

Voting will be at the John Curtis residence, Bear Creek, at 7:30 p. m. P.S.T., and at the Bandon high school from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. P. S. T.

A majority vote in each of the districts is required before the consolidation is granted.

Sanford Services Will Be Friday

Funeral services for Oliver C. Sanford, prominent Coquille attorney who died Tuesday at Mast hospital, Myrtle Point, will be held Friday, June 2, at the Schroeder Funeral chapel at 2 p. m. The body will lie in state Thursday from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. and on Friday morning from 10 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Oliver Sanford was born at Turner, Oregon, April 9, 1879. In 1888 he came to Coquille with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sanford, and has resided here since that date. He married Florence Walstrom in 1910.

Admitted to the bar in 1905, he was associated for a time with the A. J. Sherwood law office. He entered the First National bank of Coquille in 1906, becoming a stockholder and serving as cashier and first vice-president until the bank was purchased by the First National Bank of Portland in 1937. At that time he opened the law office where he maintained his practice until his recent illness.

Interested in civic affairs, he served on the city council and was a member of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. For many years he was city treasurer and school clerk. His special interest was the Coquille city library which he helped found. For thirty-four years he served as treasurer on the library board.

He was past master of Chadwick lodge, No. 63, A.F. & A.M., a past patron of Beulah chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., and a past noble grand of I.O.O.F. lodge, No. 53.

He is survived by his widow, Florence Sanford, and one brother, C. J. Sanford of Ashland.

CHADWICK LODGE WILL CONVENE FOR FUNERAL
Chadwick Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will convene at the Masonic temple in Coquille at 1 p. m. to take part in the funeral services for Oliver Sanford, a former past master of the lodge.

Cranberry Bog-Men Win Tax Protest

Winners in an appeal to the Coos county board of equalization were some thirty-nine cranberry bog owners who protested the \$400.00 per acre assessment for cranberry boglands as set by the Coos assessor's office.

The order reducing the assessment to "similar to other agricultural land in the same area" was signed by the board of equalization with the exception of Assessor Forrest who had not signed yet.

Coos County Folk To Get Diplomas

A bachelor of science degree will be conferred on Alice G. Laferty of Coquille at the graduating ceremonies of the Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland on June 4th. Other degrees and diplomas will be to Frankie Mae Ballah, Coquille, a three year diploma; and a junior certificate to Shirley J. Cornelius of Bullards.

Drivers Exams Set

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Coquille Wednesday, June 7, 1950, at the city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

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Rural Fire Zone Study Friday

A rural fire meeting has been called by chairman George E. Oerding for Friday evening, June 2, in the Coquille council chambers, commencing at 8 p. m.

Petitions for the new proposed area will be on hand for inspection and approval. All interested rural property owners are urged to attend.

Mineral Group Set Meeting Thursday

A meeting of the Coquille Mineral and Gem club will be held Thursday evening, June 1st, in the Coquille Labor temple, it was announced today.

Anyone interested in collecting stones, gems, and mineralogical specimens is invited to come and attend. Both men and women are members of the club, with some of the best "rock hounds" being the wives of the group, local club members said.

Field trips planned soon are to Curry county and to the Powers-Agness area.

Coos Citizens Buy Savings Bonds To Tune Of \$7,406

The Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has just released figures showing the sale of E Bonds in Oregon by county since the Independence Savings Bonds Drive got under way on Monday, May 15. According to Mr. E. C. Sammons, state chairman, total sales in this state for the week were \$599,137 or nine per cent of the state quota of \$5,892,000.

Drive Chairman Henry Spargo announced today that the sale of E Bonds in this county during the first week of the sales campaign amounted to \$7,406, or three per cent of the assigned quota of \$212,500.

Mr. Sammons said that the tour of the replica Liberty Bell, which is now in Southern Oregon, is arousing more interest than any single thing that has happened during the peacetime history of the selling of U. S. Savings Bonds to individuals. Since the Bell began its tour, it has been taken as rapidly as possible to the larger schools in the state and thousands of school children have seen it and have heard it ring.

Catch Fish At Lakeside—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore spent Sunday fishing at Lakeside, returning with a fine catch of trout.

Clam Diggers Day Due

Near-Record Low Tides Scheduled For This Morning Along Oregon Coast

The moon and sun will go all out for the benefit of clam diggers and observers of seldom-seen marine life Thursday, with the heavenly bodies causing another of the lowest tides in several years on Oregon's coast.

The predicted low tide, ranging from minus 1.9 feet in the Bandon area will reach its lowest point at 8:22 a. m., and at other beach areas at approximately the same time.

Mostly, the low tide means that—barring a stiff westerly wind—certain beach areas normally covered by water will be exposed. For the short time the tide is at its lowest point, there will be more room available for clam diggers. If conditions are just right, there may be a chance to see in the tide pools marine life which is normally under water.

Ralph Macy, professor of biology at Reed college, said the low tide should afford a look at very large 20-ray star fish (the ones normally seen have only five rays); the Trochellii star fish, which has delicate purple coloring; large, red sea urchins, and Colonial Hydroids, which look like miniature ferns.

Macy said it may also be possible to see colorful, non-commercial sponges, giant barnacles and a variety of snails and smaller types of marine life. Most will be found only in rocky areas, he said.

The navy's branch hydrographic office in Portland warns, however, that the whole show may be called off if wind nullifies the low tide. On the other hand, an easterly wind could make it lower than scheduled. Other atmospheric conditions, such as a storm at sea, also affect the tide.

PUC Hearing Set For Gas Company

A public hearing is set for 2:30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon June 7th in the office of the Coquille Gas and Power company, local utility, according to George Flag, public utilities commissioner for the state of Oregon.

The hearing, according to the state public utilities office, is to be held to determine why the local company is not charging for gas service in accordance with rates established in its Tariff, U. C. Order No. 1, despite numerous contacts from Commissioner Flag.

Following the hearing the commission will issue order or orders as determined by the facts presented by the local company.

Dana Urges Return To Basic Truths For Graduates

A return to the simple and basic truths was urged Thursday night when Marshall Dana, editor of the editorial page of The Portland Journal, delivered the commencement address to the sixty-eight graduating seniors of Coquille high school.

Dana said "Science has outrun our brotherhood of man, and the whole world is now drawn together in a closer manner than ever before. There are now a billion people in our world of the Pacific, and that is a greater school than any we have known. We must learn to live and understand each other."

The Portland editor urged the graduates to go on to school and prepare themselves for life as the challenge is now much greater, and training is needed today. "Ask yourself why you are going to College," he said.

Emphasizing the need for some vocational ability as well as liberal education, Dana said everyone should know how to do something with his hands, and every girl should know how to cook and take care of her home.

"Basic, old-fashioned virtues are still needed," he told the graduates, "and they are to be alive, have character, thrift and love, and the ability to see beauty."

Mr. Dana was introduced by State Ray Hunsaker. The senior class was presented by Principal Ernest James. Invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Raymond Harrison of the Nazarene church. Honored during the evening were the valedictorian, Alfred Gauntlett, and Miss Elaine Trull, salutatorian. Also honored was Bernardine Gosnell who ranked third highest in the class.

Announcement of scholarships to John Watzling, to Oregon State college, and Edward Peterson, to Reed college, was made.

Music for the evening was played by the high school band, and a piano solo by Donna Mast and a vocal solo by Jo Anne Newell.

At Shoe Show—Mrs. Jack Bowen was in Portland this week and attended the Shoe show.

Grade School Has Field Day

Lincoln Elementary school on the Coos Bay highway will hold its first last day of school exercises Friday, Joe Tobin, principal, announced this week.

The exercises will consist of a field day with three legged races and softball highlighting the day. The children will eat their lunch in picnic style near the athletic field and teachers will serve ice cream.

CBL Logging Camps Due To Close Today Plywood Plant O.K.

Labor troubles reared an ugly head in Coos county this week, and due to close today are all of the Coos Bay Lumber company's logging camps which includes Sitkum, Bone Mountain and others.

Previously the Coos Bay Lumber company's mills at Coos Bay had closed down and three boats due for loading had moved out of port. Some 550 men were out of work on the bay because of the strike and several hundred will be involved in the logging camp shutdown.

A temporarily bright spot appeared for Coquille, however, when it was learned that enough logs were on hand to operate the local plywood plant for at least two months.

The strike issue of the IWA-CIO was over the closed shop, the union maintaining that the CBL had promised them a closed shop agreement, while the management of the company denied this.

A pay raise retroactive to May 1st and other adjustments had been made with the union just two weeks ago, and the closed shop strike is a new question.

Bandon Votes Gorse Control

At the recent election the city of Bandon carried a substantial vote for a five mill special levy to control gorse in the city limits. Research at the OSC experiment station north of Port Orford, now provides practical control recommendations that will be used. Don White, Port Orford, and Alfred Allen, Bandon, county weed inspectors, will be in charge of the weed control program in their respective counties.

Gorse, sometimes called Irish Furze, has been declared a noxious weed under the Oregon weed control law in both counties, according to county agricultural agents who are committed to an intensive educational program for the extermination of this pest. It is their responsibility to convey the latest developments at the experiment station to the people in the county.

In 1936 Bandon might have been saved from the disastrous fire that took many lives and destroyed millions in property, had it not been for this highly inflammable plant. A repetition of this disaster was a convincing incentive for voters to take affirmative action at the polls.

Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the crops department, Oregon State college, in charge of the Gorse control station requests the continuation of this project for another year to prove and perfect some of the new developments that were discovered the past year. Rex Warren, weed specialist, O. S. C., and R. M. Knox, Curry county extension agent recommend continuation after careful inspection of the station last week. The Curry county weed committee also recommended continuation at their meeting held last week.

Legion Honors War Dead

John Pickett, chaplain of the Coquille American Legion post, officiated at the dedication of the new Legion memorial plot at the Masonic cemetery, as a part of the annual Memorial day service.

Three services in all were arranged by the Legion post to honor the memory of the war dead. The first, held at the Coquille River, was in memory of veterans who lost their lives at sea. Services at the I.O.O.F. cemetery and the Masonic cemetery followed.

\$3,000 Of Band Instruments Taken From High School

A crime wave struck Coquille high school sometime Monday night when from \$2500 to \$3000 band instruments belonging to Coquille school students and the Coquille school district were stolen from the high school music and band room. Admittance was gained by smashing a window and entering. Police were called on the investigation upon discovery Wednesday.

Most of the instruments belonged to junior high school students who had left them in the band room after Junior high commencement practice Monday afternoon. A final check-up revealed that eighteen instruments and an electrical tuning device were missing. The thieves followed hit-and-miss system, leaving several instruments of considerable value, and taking others which were old and much-used.

All of the larger instruments were left untouched with the exception of a baritone saxophone. The thieves overlooked a new pair of cymbals which had never been used.

Several of the instruments were covered by a personal insurance but there is no district insurance covering them. Most of the student have a record of the serial numbers of their instruments.

Pomona Grange Asks Non-Partisan County Ballots

The Coos Pomona Grange unanimously approved a resolution asking that county officers in Oregon be elected on a non-partisan basis. The resolution submitted by Westmost Grange, Bandon, will be forwarded to state grange.

It was pointed out that county officers are not elected on a basis of their views on broad national issues but rather upon their merits for the positions to be filled.

Adopted unanimously was a resolution from Coquille grange against daylight saving time. The daylight savings plan causes inconvenience and hardship in the rural areas without genuine gain for city residents, the resolution states.

Twelve candidates receiving the fifth degree were Mrs. Katie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Sanders, Mrs. Frances Thompson and Mrs. Alice Sargent, all of Coquille Grange; Mr. and Mrs. George Stout, Mrs. Myrna Salter and Miss Janice Messerle, of Sumner Grange; Mrs. Virginia Walker, McKinley Grange, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wright of Empire. The twelve are now entitled to take the sixth degree at State Grange.

Drive-In Theatre Construction Starts

Construction on the new Myrtle Lane Drive-In Theatre has started this week, according to Lloyd Claver and from now on with good weather the work should be rapid.

The new drive-in located on the Rink creek road just off the Myrtle Lane highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point will be situated in the small warm valley which is an ideal location for an open-air theatre.

It is expected that the new Myrtle Lane theatre will be open around July 1st.

Early Publication Means Early Copy

Just a word of appreciation to all the many people who are so considerate in seeing that their news items, club notices, grange meetings, and yes, advertisements are in early. By the many people who have told us, we know that our Wednesday night publication time is making a real hit. But to continue we need your continued cooperation. Tell us at once, when you have news or advertising copy. Just phone 3581 or 3591.



ALL IS NOT BOOKS as these two pictures of a party held at one of the primary grades at Washington school shows. The party was held after-school time, but included members of one of the classes. (Coquille Studio Photo)