

Coos - Curry Electric Will Continue Dam Site Studies

Voting unanimously, the board of directors of the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative last Saturday decided to continue preliminary studies with the purpose of seeking a license to build a hydroelectric dam on the Illinois river near Agness.

The decision was made despite the rejection of the co-op's building application by the State Hydro-electric commission on July 12. The cost of the dam had been placed at \$25,000,000 and had been planned for the Bald Mountain site.

Refusal "Legal Nullity"

In making the decision to continue the studies, the co-op board described the refusal as a "legal nullity." In taking the step, Ivar Laird, president of the board, said the group was acting on the advice of its attorney, James Norman.

"In view of the fact the federal power commission granted us a permit in May," Laird said, "we are following our attorney's advice that the recent holding of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Pelton dam case applies also to this case. In that decision the Supreme

Court held that under the property clause of the Constitution the federal government reserved solely to itself the power to issue licenses to construct dams on so-called reservations of the United States, and that Oregon had no right to veto the federal power commission's exercise of federal authority by refusing a state permit."

Principal reason for the rejection, as given by George W. Joseph, commission chairman, was an economic report of the state engineer, Lewis A. Stanley.

According to his report, estimates of stream flow indicated the plant would be idle for several months each year and that the estimated cost of 6.48 mills per kilowatt hour would not be "competitive with the cost of power in the region."

Dam Would Harm Fish Runs

The commission also expressed concern over the effects of the dam on the fish in the Illinois. In the 1954 public hearing on the dam, the State Game Commission had objected to it, saying it would "destroy valuable fish runs by interfering with both up and down

stream migrations of anadromous species to the extent that these runs could not be maintained."

In commenting on this, Laird said that the board is "very serious about its responsibility to protect fish life and fish spawning grounds in the Illinois river. We are required under the federal permit to work with the fish and wildlife service and the Oregon game commission, and today we agreed to include the fish commission in that order."

Scott Bair, well-known fish expert, has been engaged by the board on a consulting basis to study the fish problem in this remote and inaccessible area on which "no real studies have been made to date," Laird said.

Power Costs Await Preliminary

The board also answered the engineer's report on the estimated cost of the power. Until preliminary studies are completed, it was pointed out, there can be no real determination of power costs. Permission from the state to complete these studies was the reason

for requesting a permit from the state.

The board further emphasized that it would not consider building the dam unless it were both economical and feasible.

"The board hired John S. Cotton, an internationally known hydroelectric engineer, to select a feasible site for a dam," Laird said. "He worked for only three months, and told us that his estimate of 6.48 mills per kilowatt hour for firm power delivered to Gold Beach was the highest pos-

sible cost, and would probably be considerably lowered by the time a firm figure can be determined."

Laird also had some comments on an editorial in the Oregonian last Saturday in which that paper said that destruction of fish migrations would be "severe" and that the river would be diverted into a 9.5 mile tunnel and channel to a power house.

Laird replied that "The Oregonian has tripled the length of the tunnel and probably the number of fish involved."

Coos Fair Board Members Outline Plans For Bigger And Better Fair Aug. 17-21

Plans for a bigger and better Coos County Fair, scheduled for August 17-21 at the Pavilion in Myrtle Point, were made by members of the Fair Board at a recent meeting. The dinner session was held at the Coquille hotel.

Tentatively slated for the annual event is a cake baking contest for men only. Suggested by Phil Waters of North Bend, any man would be eligible and at the time he paid the \$10 entrance fee, would present a statement that he made the cake himself without benefit of a cake mix or help from any woman, with a prize for the winner.

Miss Emma Lou Webster and J. L. Smith, who are working together on the bread baking contest, announced that the Queen

will be announced at Friday evening's talent show and with the runner-up winners of the contest as princesses, will be in the parade Saturday morning and at the grandstand events that afternoon and on Sunday.

This year, judging for the contest will be done by Nayda Whybark, a home economist from the Oregon Wheat League.

Parade Slated

Sponsor of the parade will be the Saddle Club. George Goodsen, president, announced that plans are well underway to make it a better event than last year. As yet, no theme has been selected. The Fair Board will give \$150 to defray the parade costs.

Thirteen events have been lined up so far for the Amateur show.

Included are: saddle horse race; lamb scramble for girls under 16; hurdle race (time event); kid saddle horse race for those under 14; 2-20 saddle horse race (open); pole venting race; chicken scramble; clover leaf barrel race; saddle horse race 3-30 to be ridden with stock horse (open); chair race; saddle horse 4-40 race (open); drawn race, 4 to a team; half mile race.

Plan Sheep Dog Race

A sheep dog race is also planned with the preliminary event Friday afternoon and the final race Saturday.

Judge for the horse events will be Les Marks, Wheeler County Agent.

An Amateur Hobby Show has also been tentatively scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the pavilion. Sponsored by the Coos Pomona Grange, it would feature items made by Coos County hobbyists.

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Suds In Your Eye Three Act Comedy Slated For Bandon

"Suds In Your Eye," a 3-act comedy featuring local talent will be presented Saturday evening at the Bandon Grade school under the auspices of the Bandon Lions club. Curtain time will be at 8 o'clock.

Admission to the play has been set at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Directed by Kit Kittredge of the Coquille High School faculty, the play has been enjoyed by audiences at Powers, Coquille and River-ton.

Included in the cast are Myrtle Clausen, Willard Waggoner, Lois Bowen, Carolyn Polly, Wanda Hill, Jack Greenlund, Peggy Howe, Alton Clausen, Jack Bowen, Joe Strauss, Walt Oerding, Joe Kuttler, Earl Walrath, Virginia Thielen, John Warden, Dale Caldwell and Bea Kittredge.

Water Line Break Creates Emergency

City Engineer Mike Huddleston was kept mighty busy all day Tuesday with a break in the water line from the pumping line to the water treatment plant. The break was caused when a rubber expansion joint blew out.

Because of the warm day, the water was being used at the rate of 55,000 gallons per hour. With the pump out, the only water available was from Rink Creek which pumps water at the rate of 35,000 gallons per hour. At one time there was only 150,000 gallons of water in the reservoir.

Assisting Huddleston indirectly with the work were members of the City Council and Mayor George Burr who drove around town to all of the filling stations and requested that they use no more water than was necessary. Members of the City Police force covered the residential section of the city and Huddleston called all of the local industries to "go easy" on their water usage.

A sample of the wholehearted cooperation of everyone contacted was found at the Cranberry plant where they were right in the midst of canning. On being notified, Ed Hughes, president, offered to shut the plant down until the pipe line was fixed and told the employees not to come to work Wednesday unless they were otherwise notified. However, Huddleston and his helpers had the water line fixed by 9 o'clock that evening—after about 12 hours of work on it.

And, he has a mighty big "thank you" for everyone who cooperated with him during the emergency.



WILLARD WAGGONER Coos County Treasurer

County Treasurer's Office Important To Smooth Function Of Entire County

Important to the smooth function of the entire county and the other county offices is the Coos County Treasurer's department which is headed by friendly and efficient Willard Waggoner. For it is through his office that all monies earmarked for the county pass.

The treasurer's office receives tax money, state and government funds and money received in trust. The funds are distributed to the various taxing bodies but the Tax Department makes the actual distribution of the money to the levying districts. Mr. Waggoner compiles the amounts to be sent to the various districts and the funds are remitted through his office.

According to Waggoner, the money received in trust is first turned over to Georgianna Vaughan, county clerk after it's been rendered into court. It is held in trust until an order payment is made by the court or some authorized person, such as an attorney.

School Bonds Headache

One of the headaches of the treasurer is the problem of school bonded interest. All school districts must float a bond whenever a new school is to be constructed. Mr. Waggoner figures the amount of principle and interest payment for the year which is held out of the heavy tax distribution in November. It is paid as it comes due during the subsequent fiscal year. Last year (1954-55) approximately \$480,000 was withheld for bond payment with an interest of \$92,000.

In his capacity as treasurer, Mr. Waggoner keeps books and acts as a combined bookkeeper and banker for the various levying districts such as the sanitary and rural fire districts. He is notified by a warrant and, in turn pays the warrant by check.

Also of interest is the fact that his books are kept in equal balance with those maintained by the clerk's office. Mrs. Vaughan acts as a dispersing officer for the budgeted county expenses and Mr. Waggoner is dispersing officer for the unappropriated which includes taxes, trust funds, juvenile, welfare claims, etc.

Money Kept In 6 Banks

Each month, all of the other county offices turn their funds over to the treasurer's department which, in turn, distributes the money to the appropriate receiving accounts. According to Mr. Waggoner, all of the Coos County money is kept in six banks within the county. There is some possibility that eventually they may change to just two banks for the actual depositing and withdrawing keeping the accounts dormant in

Recommendations Made City Planning Group Recommends Widening Of North Gould Street

A letter from the City Planning Commission was read at Monday's meeting of the City Council recommending that North Gould Street be widened to a width of 68 feet from curb to curb to alleviate the problems of heavy traffic and parking.

This amount would be included in the contract on the Baxter Street fill and removal of parking strips and improvements. Councilman Rod Creager stated that he would like for the city to excavate and base rock the three blocks discussed at a previous meeting as much as possible, even if curbs and gutters aren't installed immediately.

Councilman Peter Wolfe made the motion for the widening of Third Street between Baxter and Collier on the North side of the street; on Collier between Second and Third on the East side of the street; and on Second, both sides, from Collier to Dean. The improvement would include excavation and base rock.

Other recommendations made by the commission included:

1. Widening of 10th Street from North Central to East Folsom Street for the purpose of easing the problem of traffic and parking.
2. That Southwest corner of Third and Adams be rounded to facilitate the flow of Southbound traffic and the parking situation.
3. Extension of 11th Street from Knott to Myrtle Streets with width of 50 feet and from Myrtle Street to the highway with width of 60 feet. This would be done by the most economical route.

Other business discussed by the council included:

1. Question of whether to attempt to obtain the dedication of Myrtle Street clear to the highway as one procedure or to take it piece by piece. Mike Huddleston, city engineer explained that the Planning Commission feels the entire route is necessary because it would not be right to condemn 11th between Knott and Myrtle unless the street was going to connect clear through to the highway. He was instructed to give the matter further study and the matter was tabled until the next council meeting.
2. City Engineer Huddleston reported that he has contacted the Standard Oil Company on their plans for a road into their plant. At the present time, the plans call for a \$4,200 improvement. Coquille Manufacturing has pledged \$1,500 of this amount and Bandon Veneer and Plywood, \$500.
3. Request made by Planning Commission that an ordinance be drawn up which would make them the official planning body for the city. City Attorney Talant Greenough will draft one, if one is necessary.
4. City Engineer reported that area on Shelley Road where they had considered getting additional dirt for the Baxter Street fill has quite a few trees on it which would have to be moved. He stated that probably the most economical place to get the dirt is at the end of Fifth Street. There is also an "unlimited" supply by the city settling reservoir.
5. Mayor George Burr directed city recorder Harvey Crim to inform members of the ex-mayor committee by letter that J. Arthur Berg has been named temporary chairman for the purpose of getting the group organized.



PLAN FOR FAIR — Harold Clarno, Coos Fair Board secretary, right, and Sam Dement, president told of plans for a bigger and better Fair at a recent meeting of the board members. The Fair will be held August 17-21 at the Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point and promises lots of entertainment for young and old alike. (Sentinel Photo)

Coos Dairymen Featured On Program Of Coquille Chamber Tuesday Noon

Meldon Carl, Frank Burbank and Wes Chappell were featured on Tuesday's program meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce at the Coquille hotel. A luncheon preceded the session.

Mr. Carl, whose home is at Arago, spoke on the Dairy Herd Improvement Program which, through the owner-sampler and standard methods of testing serves as the dairymen's "measuring stick." Through the program, the dairymen are relieved of a "lot of worry and memory work" as the tests show exactly whether they are operating at a profit or loss, which cows they want for brood stock, computes butterfat content, etc.

Mr. Carl stated that "the dairy herd improvement program has taken the guesswork out of dairying and is of the utmost value to the dairymen."

The marketing program and the problems connected with it was discussed by Frank Burbank of Arago. He pointed out that 15 or 20 years ago this area wasn't confronted with outside competition.

However, the last few years have seen improved highways, better handling of milk shipped, which has resulted in milk being shipped into the stores from other areas. According to him, Coos county is one of the last areas in the state to be confronted by this problem.

He pointed out that a national chain store which bottles milk under a firm name wants Coos county dairymen to furnish 3 to 4,000 gallons of Grade-A milk each week which would be shipped to Portland, bottled and returned for sale in the local store.

"The problem is," he stated, "of either furnishing them with the milk or losing that amount which will be sold through the store."

"We are also faced by pressure from the independent grocers who also sell the firm milk. It is hurting Coos county dairymen as producers."

In speaking of the future effect on the dairy industry in the county, Wes Chappell of Bandon said that the dairymen sometimes feel that the "town and city people aren't interested in their problems." He stressed the fact that the dairy industry wants to "stand

Lighting Planned For Fair Midway

This year, the Midway at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point will be well lighted for the annual Fair, August 17-21, according to Bill Head, manager of Pacific Power and Light who told members of the Fair board at a recent meeting that plans are underway for lighting that section which was "pretty dark" last year. The members met at the Coquille hotel.

According to Head, three floodlights will be mounted on the roof of the grandstand, giving direct lighting to that area. He and Harold Clarno, secretary of the board, will work out final details for installing the lights.

Vacation Bible School Scheduled At Baptist Church

"Sailing with Christ" will be the theme of the Vacation Bible School which opens Monday at the Baptist church. The school will be held Mondays through Friday from 9 to 11:30 a. m. for a two-week period.

According to Vernon Brockmann, director, the school is open to all children and young people from the ages of 3 through 17. All youngsters are invited to attend.

Kindergarten Still Homeless After School Board Says 'No' To Request

Coquille's fledgling Kindergarten Association still has no home for its school after the District 9C school board meeting last Wednesday, July 13.

Although board members expressed sympathy for the movement, all agreed that the district could not legally spend money to fix up suitable space in Lincoln school basement and that there was just no other space available in the city schools next year.

Two unfinished rooms in the Lincoln basement had been suggested as a possible site for the Kindergarten. However, board members agreed that the rooms were not suitable as they now stand and that the board could not legally justify spending the money to fix them up especially for the Kindergarten.

According to Oregon law, school districts are prohibited from operating kindergartens as part of the school system unless it is put into the school system by a vote of the people. School Superintendent Ray Hunsaker told the board.

Representing the Kindergarten Association at the meeting were Mrs. George Nottingham, Mrs. Ralph Wolgamott and Dick Jones.

During the discussion over the Kindergarten, other possible sites were mentioned which might be used during the coming year. Suggestion made included the old Nazarene church at 8th and Elliott streets and the old First Christian church building.

City Advertiser For Sealed Bids

Coquille's City Council Monday evening authorized City Recorder Harvey Crim to advertise for bids on a spray painting outfit, concrete mixer, power saw and broom machine.

He was further authorized to advertise for bids on a new combination coin sorting and counting machine for the parking meter department of the city.

The sealed equipment bids should be addressed to the city recorder and marked on the outside, "Sealed Bid for City Equipment." The bids must be received by 5 p. m., August 1st. Specifications are on file in the city engineer's office.

The bids for the coin machine should also be addressed to the city recorder and marked on the outside "Sealed Bid for Coin Machine." These bids must be received before 5 p. m., August 1st with specifications in the city recorder's office.

The city council reserves the right to reject any and all bids with or without cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Browne and Shirley drove to Eugene last Thursday to attend the Judy Garland stage show. They report having had a wonderful time and that the show was well worth driving up for.

Powers Installed As New President Of Coquille Lions

Max Powers was installed as president of the Coquille Lions club at a dinner meeting held Saturday at the Community building. Jack Moore was general chairman for the event.

Other officers installed included Tom Ferry, first vice president; Bill Parry, second vice president; Mike Huddleston, third vice president; Les Bahr, secretary-treasurer; Bill Ruhmann, tailwister; Ben Barton, lion tamer; and Stan Sherwood, Harry Slack, Cliff Galseth and Jack Moore, directors.

Present for the dinner and dance that followed were the members wives and other guests.

The club's 30th birthday anniversary was also celebrated during the evening.



FLOWERS FROM SWITZERLAND—Aldo Marca, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Marca, Sr. of Fat Elk Road, shows one of the lovely Edelweiss wildflowers which grow along the beautiful Alps in Switzerland. Mr. Marca brought the flower seeds back with him when he returned from the Marion Year tour he made in 1950 and planted them here to see if they'd grow. They did, and of special interest is the fact that the flowers generally bloom only one season and then die, but this is the second year that they have blossomed at the Marca home. Mr. Marca also reports that this is the only part of the country where they will grow. Average blooming time for the dainty flower is three months. (Sentinel Photo)