



## PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES EARLY TODAY

### ARCHIBALD McNAIR PASSES AFTER A LONG SIEGE OF PARALYSIS.

Has Been Resident of County for Forty-Three Years and for Many Years Was Prominent in Business and Religious Circles of the Community—Leaves Large Family

The death of Archibald McNaair, for thirty-three years a resident of Coos county and for many years prominent in local business circles, occurred at his home in this city this morning. Death was due to paralysis, with which the deceased was first stricken in 1913. Although he had rallied from the first stroke and for a time showed signs of complete recovery, he later



ARCHIBALD McNAIR

Similar attacks and began daily. Several months before the bedfast. He was unable to get up.

Mr. McNaair was born in Canada in Restigouche county, New Brunswick, therefore a citizen of the United States, locating at Myrtle Point in this county thirty-three years ago.

Shortly after his arrival he purchased a farm which he conducted for a number of years. In the month of August, 1899, he moved to Bandon to take up residence. He engaged in the hardware business, establishing the store that is now operated on First street by the McNaair hardware company, and of which his son, G. R. McNaair, is now the proprietor. In 1913 he retired from active business life. He took an extensive trip to southern and eastern Oregon and to his old home in Canada. It was shortly after this journey that he was taken down seriously ill. Although everything possible was done for him, he gradually passed away from that time on.

### Active in Community Life

Due to his success as a business man, Mr. McNaair was an active member in the life of the community. He was always among the leaders in matters of political and social importance and because of his sterling principles and sterling qualities had much influence. Shortly before his retirement from active business life he had been elected a commissioner of the Port of Bandon, which office he later resigned on account of his protracted illness. In church life Mr. McNaair was equally prominent, having been one of the members of the local Presbyterian church since it was organized.

### Survives

Mr. McNaair's decease is regretted by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. M. McNaair, and a large family of children and grandchildren.

### Funeral

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon of this day. Rev. S. Smith officiating. Burial will be in the P. Cemetery.

### Members

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock and services in a body.

### Come for Funeral

Relatives have been notified by wire and some are expected to arrive.

## TO INVESTIGATE THE COUNTY ROAD WORK

### CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO GO INTO RECORDS OF CO. COURT AND ROADMASTER.

One Member from Each Town in County to Be Named—Will Employ Engineer and Accountant in Order to Make Competent and Unprejudiced Report to the Public.

At a meeting of the Coos County Good Roads association, held at Coquille yesterday and attended by delegates from every part of the county, it was decided to elect a committee, one to be named in each community, for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of all road work under the bond issue to date. The investigation is to include the roadmaster's office, the county court and all other officials having jurisdiction in the work. This committee will be authorized to employ the services of a competent disinterested engineer and an accountant for the purpose of assisting them in checking up all estimates and profiles as well as finances. The cost of these experts is to be borne proportionately by commercial organizations and citizens generally thru subscription in the various communities.

### TAXPAYERS MEETING

For the purpose of naming a member of the county citizens committee that is to investigate the road work under construction in the county, the records of the officials in charge, etc., a public mass meeting will be held at the Moose hall Friday evening, August 3rd, at eight o'clock. Every taxpayer is invited.

The object of the investigation is to determine the exact status of affairs for the benefit of the public generally. It is two fold: First, to carry out the promise made by the Good Roads association at the time of the bond election that the association would see that the money is properly expended; and secondly, to determine whether the various criticisms made against the roadmaster and the county court are well founded. The investigation, according to the meeting yesterday is not to be made in the spirit of criticism, but rather as a matter of good business. Practically a half million dollars is now being expended by the county in road work and it is considered only a matter of good business policy to find out if the money is being applied judiciously and if the work is being done efficiently. It is believed that now is the logical time for such an investigation. If it is believed that the work is being done properly the public should be so informed and the officials should be commended. If on the contrary it is not being done satisfactorily now is the time to find out so that changes can be made.

### Both the roadmaster and the county court state that they welcome such an investigation and will cheerfully cooperate with the committee in order to get into every detail.

The various members of the committee are to be elected in their respective communities. Myrtle Point has already named Atty. Claude H. Giles and Powers has named E. J. Loney. The Bandon man is to be selected at a mass meeting to be held at the Moose hall Friday night. The other communities will do likewise, and the committee will meet at the call of President Chas. Hall of the association, which will be in a few short time.

### Delegates

The delegates which met yesterday suggested to hold an investigation. Those attending the following: Marshfield, Chas. Hall; North Bend, Peter G. G. Edgar; McDaniel; Powers, Al. Powers; Myrtle Point, Geo. E. Tonney; Coquille, J. E. Norton; Bandon, Geo. P. Topping; L. D. Belsheim.

### Alta Willard

Arrived this week from Sacramento, Cal., for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. O. Willard, and with other relatives.

### Funeral

Will be in time for the funeral. Mrs. Watkins leaves Eureka tonight on the Kilburn and will arrive here Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopkins are here from Myrtle Point and it is probable that Alex. McNaair will arrive from Tillamook. Errol, the youngest son, is in the Walla Walla section at present working in the harvest fields and as yet the family has been unable to locate him.

## SCHOOL GARDENS ARE BEST IN THE COUNTY

### BANDON CHILDREN HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED BY CO. AGENT WHO IS JUDGE.

Lillian Leuthold Gets First Award in Upper Grades and Max Patterson Wins Out in Lower Grades—Twenty Participants in Contest and All Have Splendid Results.

Bandon school children were highly complimented by County Agriculturalist J. L. Smith Tuesday for the splendid results shown in the school garden contest. Mr. Smith, accompanied by his assistant, L. W. Coleman, came down from Coquille to judge the local gardens, and the following winners are announced:

- 6th 7th and 8th Grades: First—Lillian Leuthold. Second—Arthur Gale. Third—Harold Howell.
- Fourth and Fifth Grades: First—Max Patterson. Second—Jack Stoltz. Third—Paul Topping.

### All Deserve Credit

The splendid condition of nearly all the gardens does credit to all the young folks who took part in the contest. They are: Helen Gibson, Harold Howell, Ruth Sparlin, Carrol Garfield, Arthur Gale, Teddie Rundo, Ethel Griffith, Bertie Griffith, Alden Griffith, Frank Coigrove, Inez Pomeroy, Lillian Leuthold, Mary Kay, Jack Stoltz, Otto Oren, Harold Ashton, Gladys Mynatt, Irene Harnekoff, Paul Topping and Max Patterson.

Cash prizes, totaling \$15, were offered by the local board in two divisions, the first comprising pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades; the second those in the lower grades. By the terms of the contest each pupil was obliged to have potatoes and at least two other vegetables, and was required to take entire care of the garden.

Mr. Smith expressed himself as much pleased with the excellence of the children's work, stating that they were the best school gardens he had seen in the county, and were deserving of much credit.

## TWO ESCAPE FROM COOS COUNTY JAIL

### Subscription Contest Promoters Held for Absconding With Agitator Funds Make Getaway.

F. W. Raley and J. R. Weidner, the two subscription contest promoters, who were brought back from California charged with embezzling funds from the North Bend Agitator and who had been confined in the county jail at Coquille in default of bail awaiting the October term of court, escaped Monday night. After the other prisoners and the jailer were asleep they opened the lock on their cell with a key made out of a comb and departed. It is reported they left letters stating that they would return in time for trial.

The two young men had been model prisoners and had been given the liberty of the corridors during the day. They are unusually bright fellows and while in jail completed two patents on which they had been working, one a milk bottle holder and the other a wedge used in falling big timbers.

Messages have been sent by the sheriff's office to all nearby places and it is thought that the men will soon be apprehended. This is the first delivery from the new county jail.

### Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes

The Federal rivers and harbors bill passed the Senate last Thursday. It had passed the House on June 27th. It now goes into conference. The bill carries an appropriation for the \$128,000 project of deepening the channel in the Coquille river from the mouth to Coquille and an annual maintenance fund of \$10,000.

### Sweigin in Trouble

According to the Oregonian Carl Sweigin, formerly of Bandon, has been taken in charge at Klamath Falls on a vagrancy charge. Sweigin is believed to be an I. W. W. agitator and has been in trouble the past month with the authorities at Bend and other Eastern Oregon points. He was engaged in the plumbing business here, and later held down a homestead on upper Two Mile. He left here for points in Kansas, having abandoned the homestead. It is said, after making some improvements.

## COUNTY ROAD WORK IS TO BE CONTINUED

### MILL AND LOGGING CAMP OPERATORS WOULD CURTAIL THE WORK.

Mill and Logging Camp Operators Would Curtail the Work. Shows That Only Small Percentage Would Go to Work in Camps if Road Work Should Cease—Bandon-Curry Road Most Important.

Coos county road work as far as these projects now under way are concerned, will not be stopped. Such was the conclusion of the County Court at its session yesterday. However, no new projects will be started this season and the present scale of wages will not be raised.

The matter of curtailing the road work on such projects as are not imperative was brought before the Court in a petition from various large employers of men, principally mill and logging camp operators. An itemized statement showed that these industries lacked 832 men. The Smith-Powers Logging company has the largest shortage, 200, although Al Powers stated that the average wage paid during June was \$4.18 per day. The company is now employing 800. The shortage affecting industries in Bandon and on the lower river includes the following: Conglogue camp, which is logging for the Moore mill, 20 men; Prosper Mill Co., 15; Riverton Fuel Co., 20; Fyfe-Wilson Lumber Co., 50 men and 12 teams.

While at first thought it was believed that curtailing the road work would liberate men for the camps and mills, a poll of the men employed on the various road projects does not bear out that conclusion. The poll taken by the Roadmaster's office and covering 397 men, showed that 279 were farmers, 83 general laborers, 32 teamsters, 15 miners, 14 roadmen, 13 railroad workers, 13 engineers, 10 dairymen, 10 construction men, 8 carpenters and the balance of various other occupations. Only three gave their occupations as loggers and three others as mill employees. However, about 150 have had logging experience. Other questions asked of these men indicated that of the 500 or more men employed by the county on road work, only a small percentage would go to the camps should the work shut down. The majority are farmers who are working during the summer months only, and are working near home.

All but one of the five projects under the bond issue are now under way, the remaining one being the Coquille-Bandon road. The right-of-way matter is not yet settled therefore no work will be begun this season.

There was also a question as to whether arrangements could be made with the contractors to postpone or curtail the road work, they having gone to large expense to bring in machinery and equipment for the work. The loss in interest on bonds was also an item for consideration. The bonds draw five per cent while the banks pay only two per cent on the funds kept on deposit. The three per cent loss to the county would amount to approximately \$900 a month.

In discussing the various projects it was admitted by all parties, including the mill and logging men, that the Bandon-Curry road should be rushed to completion, as this road bears by far more traffic in actual freight than any other road in the county.

Judging from the representation made to the County Court by delegates from the various sections it was apparent that the prevailing sentiment throughout the county was not in favor of giving up road work. It was however granted that the labor situation is a serious one and if the Court can assist the big industries by eliminating any further expansion or by giving contractors on some of the projects more time so that fewer men can be employed such action should be considered.

## Must Pay in Ten Days

Assessor Beyers this week sent out notices for 1917 personal taxes. According to the change in the law effected at the last legislature those assessed for personal property and who have no real estate under assessment must pay within ten days instead of thirty days as before. If payment is not made the account is turned over to the sheriff's office for collection and the taxpayer is subject to pay twice the amount of the original sum. This is to prevent property being taken out of the county between the time of assessment and time of payment.

## TOURIST TRAVEL IS DOUBLED THIS YEAR

### MORE CARS PASSED THROUGH BANDON UP TO JULY 4 THAN DURING 1916 SEASON.

Has Had Telling Effect on Business, Especially for Local Garage—Good Road to Roseburg Is Crying Need—Canyon Discourages Many Who Would Otherwise Come This Way.

According to C. L. Foster, proprietor of the Bandon Garage, the tourist travel through Bandon up to about the Fourth of July equaled the total number of visiting auto passing through here during the year of 1916.

"The tourists come into town, have their repair work done, if any is needed, purchase their gasoline and lubricating oils, their food supplies and other things, and go to the beach to camp or on towards Curry county, or Marshfield," said Mr. Foster, "and the majority of Bandon people hardly know that a visiting car has been here. However, I'm sure the balance sheet of a number of local business houses is an agreeable evidence that business has improved wonderfully with the coming of good roads and the autoists."

Mr. Foster has been kept fairly rushed with work during the past two months, mostly from "foreign" cars, and much of it due to the effect of traveling over poor roads; but this does not make him a good roads knocker by any means for he feels that if there were good roads everywhere throughout this section, and connecting up with the outside, there would be several hundred times more auto work to be done and accessories sold.

### Road From Roseburg Necessary

"A good road from Roseburg is a crying need," said a local automobilist who has observed the trend of auto traffic here and along the Pacific Highway through Roseburg. "The road through the canyon between Myrtle Point and Roseburg is very very rough and rock-strewn, which together with the steep grades along the canyon walls far above the creek bed below, almost insures that the California tourist who passes that way will discourage his friends from making the trip by telling them of how he traveled for miles in 'low and intermediate'."

"Another feature, and one which can easily be remedied is a lack of advertising mile posts telling of Bandon-by-the-Sea and its wonderful beach attractions, and in fact of all the coast country. Out along the Pacific and 'Goodrich' highways one notes sign posts telling of so many miles to Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass, Cottage Grove, Eugene, or any of the many other valley towns, but not a single post telling of so many miles to Coos county, Coos Bay, Coquille or Bandon. In fact the only post mentioning the coast section is at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and the coast road where a small sign says 'Coos Bay Road,' but otherwise doesn't even give the mileage."

### Action on the part of Bandon, Coos Bay and other populous sections of this county towards properly erecting sign posts would doubtless draw many of the tourist parties from the Pacific Highway to the Coast road, especially those traveling south, if it were explained that they could readily reach Crescent City, Eureka and San Francisco via this section.

## Much Travel Outside

Tourist travel by automobiles is especially heavy this year, and according to the Northwest Tourist association has exceeded already the high mark set last year. Government figures covering auto travel through Yellowstone National Park alone, where a toll charge of \$7.50 per car is made, shows a total of over 9,000 cars headed west this season.

## Many Camp at City Park

Since the sign boards telling of the local camp grounds at the City Park have been placed and other arrangements and conveniences for visitors made, the Park has been well used an average of from seven to twelve or more camps have been made there and along the beach every day during the past month, many of the campers having remained here for several days and in some instances for several weeks.

The city has erected a drinking fountain and watering trough at the park and the majority of campers prefer the cleared section near the ball grounds.

Miss Sadie Wells of Roseburg arrived last evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wells, for a few days.

## NEW AUTOMOBILE LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE

### DIMMING OF LIGHTS REQUIRED UNDER NEW LAW—MOTOR TRUCKS DEFINED.

Signal Must Be Given by Driver Before Making a Turn on Any Road in Oregon—Will Register All the Cars in State—License Fees Are Doubled for Good Roads.

The new law governing automobiles throughout the state, doubling license fees, and making several other important changes, became effective on Wednesday, August 1.

Most important from a financial standpoint is the doubling of the license fees of all automobiles. It is estimated that for the first year under this law about \$250,000 will be available for use by the State Highway commission, this being for the payment of interest and redemption of the \$6,000,000 bond issue for good roads throughout the state.

For the first time in Oregon, motor trucks are defined. Slow going vehicles must keep to the right boundary line of the road. Signal must be made by drivers before making a turn on any road.

Complete lists of registrations and transfers are to be furnished law officers and are to be on file with county clerks for public inspection. Dimming of lights is required for safety of road traffic.

Provision is made for penalties for the throwing of glass or other materials which might cause damage to a car; for tampering with another's car, or even climbing into the same.

Age limit of 15 years is fixed for driving unless driver is accompanied by parent, guardian or owner of the machine.

### Heavy trucks are prohibited from operating over roads except by authorization of accredited county agent.

The provisions as to the dimming of lights is as follows: "When the convenience or safety of the uses of any public highway demands, the front lights of every motor vehicle shall be dimmed so as to prevent any glare therefrom, or shall be so directed that the center rays thereof shall strike the ground at a distance not to exceed 75 feet in front of such vehicle, provided that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to render inoperative the provisions of subdivision B of this section relative to the plain visibility of such lights in the direction in which such vehicle is proceeding."

There are sections providing against any person throwing glass or other material which might work injury to a car; prohibiting the taking of any part of another's machine and the entering of another's car except by an officer of the law or by the consent of the owner or person lawfully in charge of the car.

Unless accompanied by parent, guardian or owner of car, no person under 15 years of age shall drive a motor vehicle upon any road.

No truck of more than five tons' capacity may be driven over any road without first obtaining a written permit from the county court of the county in which operations are to be carried on.

## SWEET PEA SHOW AUG. 11

The ladies of the Thimble Club announce this week that the annual Bandon Sweet Pea show will be held on Saturday, August 11th, in the Fahy-Morrison building.

Everyone is urged to place an exhibit, whether they anticipate securing a prize or not. The season has been particularly backward for sweet peas and as a result the ladies fear many entries might be discouraged. However, they wish the show to be as great a success as possible and to that end are working diligently. They have placed the prizes on display at the Bandon Furniture company store where all interested may see them.

The Prosper shingle mill which is being operated for the new owners by C. McC. Johnson commenced running Monday morning with two machines in commission. B. Warren is foreman. Nine men are now employed and it is aimed to start the third machine later.

## WORLD HONOR ROLL

Those who favored us during the past week are: D. J. Ewing, Bandon. Amos Hadsell, U. S. S. New York. C. W. Ashton, Bandon. Vera E. Irvine, Portland. Mrs. N. J. Hansen, Centralia, Wa.