

14 Highway Projects in Douglas County Viewed

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To increase maintenance. Wartime conditions permitted only the most essential maintenance of Oregon's highway system, members of the commission report. Although maintenance recently has been approaching peacetime efficiency, the commission will still further increase maintenance operations to keep up with increased traffic demands, assuring smooth, safe highways for the motoring public.

The commission, it was stated, has as one of its major objectives completion of highway sections upon which work had been started earlier, so that past investments on these sections can be placed to earliest possible use.

The present inspection trip supplements an inspection of the state highway system in 1943 when plans were laid for a \$36 million postwar construction, improvement and maintenance program. Final selection of projects took into consideration recom-

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mendations of county courts, city governments, chambers of commerce, other civic groups and interested citizens, pointing toward maximum benefit of counties and communities as a whole, and yet best fitting the needs of each.

Trailways' Bus Permit Application Endorsed

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ed on the church's own property. Sewage Applied For. Application of a Medford orchardist for a digested and undried sewage from the city disposal plant for use as fertilizer was brought up by Council President Percy Croft for the council's consideration. The orchardist would pay the city 22 cents for each 100 gallons of sewage.

A street light at Roberts and Hunt streets was authorized at the recommendation of Councilman Walter Fisher.

A letter from Mayor Ed Ostendorf of Klamath Falls, delivered here by pony express, inviting Roseburg citizens to attend the Klamath Falls centennial pageant, was read. The letter was addressed to former Mayor W. F. Harris. "Don't they know we have a new mayor?" Councilman H. T. Carstens asked.

Street to Be Paved. Grade establishment on Short street, between Sykes and Burke, was authorized for paving by the Umpqua Dairy and the Douglas Ice and Cold Storage. The street will be paved at the expense of the two companies. Agreement was reached for the provision of a four-foot sidewalk for pedestrians. Councilman H. V. Sullivan, as co-owner of the dairy, desired to pave the street its entire width, to give more room for truck traffic to the two business establishments.

Funeral Services Set For Herman Doering, Jr.

Funeral services for Herman E. (Todd) Doering, Jr., 20, well known Marine Corps corporal, who died Aug. 16, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Vista, Calif., will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will arrive by hearse in the early morning of that day, accompanied by military escort. Friends wishing to pay their last respects to the departed are requested to be at the chapel at the appointed time. The family has requested private services at the cemetery. Interment at the Veterans Facility cemetery will be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Father Blaker will officiate. Arrangements are in charge of the Douglas Funeral Home.

Trend Eyed as Three States Cast Ballots

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gressional district slugging match between Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin and State Senator Frederic R. Coudert, Jr., but he bestowed his blessing on Coudert through a party lieutenant.

The G. O. P. organization is reported to have ditched Baldwin because he voted for several New Deal measures. Baldwin calls himself a liberal Republican and has pointed out that Dewey is claiming the Republican party has replaced the Democrats as the "truly liberal" party in the state. Update, former Rep. Hamilton Fish's choice, Mrs. Katherine St. George, a cousin of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was testing her political strength at the polls for the first time. Her opponent for the Republican nomination for member from the 29th New York Congressional District was Rep. Augustus W. Bennett.

Appointment of County Sanitary Engineer Urged

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for flies, mosquitoes and unpleasant odors.

"Many of the restaurants and drinking places of the county are in an unsanitary condition and are a direct threat and menace to the health and welfare of the community. They require inspection, grading, and placing in a sanitary condition in compliance with the state sanitary code. Prior to the war the health unit consisted of one doctor and three nurses. Now, with the large increase of population and increasing new problems, the health unit consists of one doctor and TWO nurses."

Trained Engineer Needed

The medical society's resolution is accompanied by an exhibit listing 31 complaints of serious and critical unsanitary conditions in all parts of the county, these complaints having been compiled from files of the health unit. Investigation has been made to prove that the stated conditions are as described, it is said, but few have been corrected due to lack of unit personnel to do all of the work required. Many of the cases involve technical problems for which a person trained in sanitary engineering is needed. Legal Hurdle Faced. Employment of a sanitary engineer was rejected by the county budget committee at its regular meeting, due to lack of adequate presentation of need and failure on the part of the board to initiate its own investi-

gation. A presentation was made at the public budget hearing, but the county court was prevented from inserting an item in the budget, because of a ruling from the attorney general that while the court had power to amend tentative budgetary allowances, it had no authority to include an item once rejected by the budget committee.

It is believed, however, that if a state of emergency can be shown and proved, the court would have legal power to draw from the budget's \$50,000 emergency fund.

Estranged Husband Kills Wife and Himself

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"Sam was talking about being arrested by the city police for trying to break into his mother-in-law's house, and was apparently trying to make a joke out of it. There was no quarreling or anything."

"They were just preparing to leave and were standing in the doorway."

"Suddenly Sam said, 'I just bought a gun for Blanche; want to see it?' Then without any warning he put the gun against her side and pulled the trigger."

"I screamed and exclaimed, 'you shot her!'"

"Blanche had fallen to the floor, but was still conscious. 'He shot me! I'm dying,' she said."

"It all happened so quickly and I ran from the room. Sam called at me to come back, but I ran as I could and told neighbors to call the police."

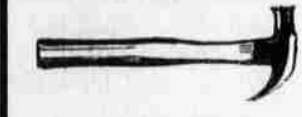
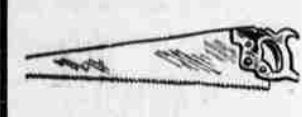
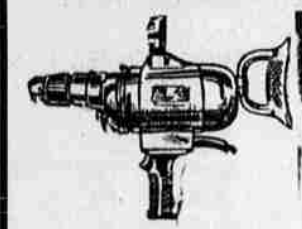
Brooks, Mrs. Later's son, told police that he jumped to his feet and started toward Russell, who, however, was flourishing the pistol. Brooks and Mrs. Baker fled into an adjoining room, but Brooks said he heard three more shots and turned back just in time to see Russell turn the gun upon himself.

Woman Shot Four Times. Police found four bullet holes in the woman's body. Russell had died instantly with a bullet through his heart. Both bodies, which had been untouched, were found by police at the front door of the small home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Later said, had resided nearby on North Jackson street and many friendly visits had been exchanged.

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Manager Plan Charter Recommended to City

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city which employs a manager limits his appointive power, he said.

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor said that volunteers of the Roseburg Fire Department were opposed to the expected loss of their prerogative in choosing a chief, and some have threatened to "quit" if the chief is subject to appointment.

Council President Percy Croft proposed that council terms be changed to staggered four-year periods, and expressed his opinion that the charter is "definitely

antiquated" in providing for election of the mayor and all eight councilmen at the same time. The present election system does not allow the council to make long-range plans extending from one city administration to the next, he said.

Since separating from his wife, he had been staying at the Roseburg auto camp.

Police learned, Sheriff Carter said, that Russell purchased the pistol used in the tragedy from Mrs. Olga King, also an employee at Grimm's Grocery, only this morning, immediately prior to the double shooting. The sheriff said he had personal knowledge of the gun as he had learned that Mrs. King had offered it for sale as a part of the personal effects of her late husband, and had examined it with the prospect of buying it for his own use. He described it as a .32-20 Smith and Wesson police model.

Prowler Flees From Cop. Reporting last night's occurrence, which led to questioning of Russell on a charge of prowling, Chief of Police Erwin Short reported that a city officer was called to Harrison Ave. by reports from neighbors that a man was attempting to break into the McDougle home. The city officer saw the man, who ran as the policeman approached. A youth was standing in the line of fire and the city officer would take no chance in shooting at the fugitive. Russell was later found by police, at about 1 A. M., and was questioned at considerable length, but was not taken into custody.

State, county and city police were called into the investigation following the double slaying this morning, and were joined by District Attorney H. A. Canaday and Coroner H. C. Stearns.

The bodies were removed to the Douglas Funeral Home.

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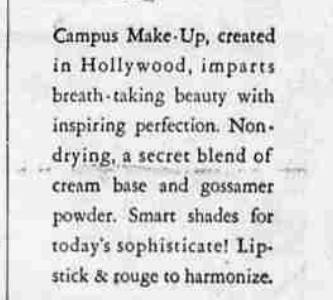


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