

Bond Issues for Road Work Opposed by Court

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road system will be financed and improved by the county court, it is stated.

Ideas on Road Financing

"The question of how the roads, streets and bridges shall be financed in the future is one that interests all taxpayers," the County Court asserts. "We believe the future building and re-building of state and county highways and bridges should be on a pay-as-you-go program, either by small millage tax levied by counties and paid by income tax revenues, or an additional gas tax fee." The highway commission now has fairly large revenues, and additional revenue could be raised in the above manner to give the

state and counties all the money that can be expended for roads and bridges, providing such money is used in a sane and business-like manner to get \$1 value for each dollar spent."

The court's statement points out Douglas County's area, population and timber resources, lumbering industry, agricultural production, tourist attractions and other factors affecting roads and highways.

It is stated that the total mileage of county roads is 925, with 10 miles of paved roadway, 60 miles of gravel surface, and 830 miles of rock surface. Total state highway mileage is 298.7, with 100 miles paved highway, 148.7 miles of gravel surface, 50 miles of rock surface. The county road system has 14 steel bridges, 33 covered spans, 23 log spans, 225 trestles, one 600-foot cable bridge and four

county docks. These various structures have a total length of 51 miles. The county road system also has 10,000 drainage culverts, varying from eight inches to eight feet in diameter, and with a combined length of more than 60 miles. The pressing problem, the court declares is maintenance of these structures and the various road surfaces, while faced with demands by new settlers for opening up new roads and improving old roads upon which traffic is increasing.

Maintenance Costs Heavy

Due to the rapid increase of heavy logging traffic, the court is forced to expend a major portion of its road funds in maintaining roads used for industrial purposes. Some sections of main roads, which formerly carried only light traffic, now carry as many as 3,000 vehicles per day, while some of the former dead-end roads, which carried only

three to four cars daily, now handle 50 to 75 vehicles, chiefly heavily loaded log trucks.

The statement also lists parking, particularly in or near mill and logging operations as a major problem, and suggests a county police patrol, similar to the state police traffic patrol.

In view of these conditions, the state is asked to take over the North Umpqua, and Melrose-Tyee roads, which are the two principal logging routes not now under state control, and to develop the Sutherlin-Elkton-Reedsport route to withstand heavy commercial traffic. This request, it is claimed, is justified by the fact that 85 per cent of traffic on the routes named is logging traffic, and that revenue from truck licenses and gas revenue goes to the state.

The court urges that in rebuilding the Sutherlin-Elkton road that study be given a proposed relocation between Bullock bridge and Elkton, by way of the Mehl canyon road, which would eliminate Smith bridge, the Fisher, Kesterson and Haines grades, and give a water level route to Elkton.

Truman's Tax Reduction Program Doomed

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exemption by adding 35 per cent, making \$135,000, and then another \$50,000, bringing the figure up to \$185,000. The 75 per cent tax would be levied on any profit above \$185,000.

Taxes on profits of new corporations would be measured by a capital investment formula. The wartime excess profits tax was 95 per cent of income above the 1935-39 base, with no extra exemptions. Ten per cent was refundable after the war. That levy was repealed by a Democratic Congress right after the war.

Choose Foreign Aid Or Military Draft—Royall

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publican lawmakers share this view despite Secretary of State Marshall's insistence that the amount is a "precision" figure. Criticizing what he termed the cabinet officer's report to assume a "mantle of infallibility," Ball, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters it is generally conceded that Marshall "is a good soldier."

"But," Ball added, "his infallibility as an international strategist might be questioned in view of the fact that he was one of the top advisors in the Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam (Big Three) Conferences, where many of the blunders which have contributed to the present international crisis were made."

Ball said he hopes the State Department will submit "more specific projects designed to increase Europe's production of coal, steel, food and transportation."

Hero of Egypt constructed a steam turbine more than 2,000 years ago.

Price, Wage, Rent Control Plans Assailed

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rent control for some months.

"I shall, therefore, be disinterested and objective in my approach to the subject in the hope your subcommittee can provide a recommended law which is both reasonable and constructive."

Maybank's criticism of the price control proposal came in comment on testimony by cabinet officers for it.

The South Carolina lawmaker told a reporter he is "all for anti-inflation, but let's be reasonable about it." He said he was particularly irked by Harriman's testimony that the administration plans to slap price controls on textiles and steel if Congress grants the cost of living powers Mr. Truman is seeking.

Harriman also told the Senate banking committee yesterday that he would place price ceilings on lumber and farm machinery. And Secretary of Interior Krue testified that he would "freeze" prices of coal, fuel oil, gasoline and other petroleum products for 60 days if Congress provides the authority.

Personal Property Taxes May Yield \$11 Million

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tinuance of such refusal or neglect, which penalty may be recovered in a proper action brought in the name of the county in any court of competent jurisdiction. On any such refusal or neglect the assessor shall list and evaluate the property from the best information obtainable from other sources. No return shall be controlling on the assessor in any respect in the assessment of any property.

"Household furniture, domestic fixtures, household goods and effects actually in use as such in homes and dwellings where not used for business or commercial purposes are exempt from taxation and should not be reported on this form. The exemptions also apply to wearing apparel, watches, jewelry and similar personal effects in actual use."

Missionaries' Being Evacuated in China

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Tuesday: that of American Missionary Society Miss Elizabeth Degarino, 60, Wautoma, Neb. It was believed an accidental result of Communist-government fighting.

"There are also reports — unconfirmed — that one of five American Marines missing in a Communist sector of North China was killed in a clash with the Reds. The five disappeared while on a Christmas day hunting trip."

At least five American missionaries and their families are known to be in the Honan-Hupeh provincial areas controlled by the Communists.

Mrs. Esther Hess of Watertown, Wis., and Miss Pearl Young of Toronto, Canada, advised the U.S. consul at Hankow they intended to remain at Mivang, west of Kioshan, where they operate the independent Ebenezer mission.

WOMAN "DRUNK" JAILED
Vergie Houston Cover, 47, was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Hartfield, after her arrest at a local hotel on a charge of drunkenness by city police officers.



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