

New Localized Public Land Service Launched by Interior Department

A streamlined service for on-the-spot administration of more than 778 million acres of public land in continental United States and Alaska was inaugurated by the Department of the Interior on July 15, and within less than 90 days field offices of the Bureau of Land Management are expected to be handling a large volume of work hitherto done in Washington, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug announced.

Under the program, adjudication of cases, land classification and other administrative steps now taken in Washington will be handled either in one of the 23 land offices of the Bureau strategically located in the Western States and in the Territory, or in regional offices at Albuquerque, N.M.; Anchorage, Alaska; Billings, Mont.; Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and San Francisco, Calif.

The Bureau of Land Management and its predecessor, the General Land Office, have been serving as the official real estate agent of the Federal Government for more than 150 years, and during that period millions of applications for disposition of the public lands under the public land

laws were routed to Washington for action. However, present-day requirements for modernized handling of problems involving the conservation, development and use of natural resources on the public domain necessitated decentralization of Bureau operations.

Congress Cuts Funds
The elimination of the cross-continent transfer of papers and other delays in the consideration of public land matters was directed by Congress through removal of earlier restrictions on the Bureau's decentralization program from the 1949 Interior Appropriation Act and a 20 percent reduction in funds for the operation of the Washington office. This action, in effect, paved the way for the most thorough-going overhauling ever undertaken of the Interior Department's public land administrative structure, Bureau Director Marion Clawson said.

Field office handling of cases involving small tract leases, Reclamation homesteads and other types of settlement negotiations was ordered begun on July 15, under the Bureau decentralization timetable. The issuance of special land-use permits and action on Alaska matters will be shifted to the field shortly thereafter.

By September 1, it is expected that the issuance of grazing leases authorized under Section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act for land outside of Federal grazing districts, will be handled locally and that on-the-spot handling of noncompetitive oil and gas leases will be begun in some of the Western States.

The transfer of trained personnel from Washington to handle the increased work in the field offices already has begun, and it is contemplated that the new service will be in full swing before the end of the year.

Modern Structure Will Replace Sutherlin High School



SUTHERLIN SCHOOL CONDEMNED—The 37-year-old Sutherlin High School building pictured here has been condemned for use as a school building by the State Department of Education and will be replaced by a new building to be started this summer, said Superintendent of Schools William W. Riddlebarger. This old building will probably be razed.

Construction of a new high school building at Sutherlin will start late this summer on a 20-acre site east of the present school grounds, it was announced by Superintendent of Schools William W. Riddlebarger.

The new high school, on its completion, will replace the 37-year-old building which has been condemned by the State Department of Education as not meeting the current standards for school buildings.

Construction of the new building will be financed through a \$240,000 bond issue recently authorized by the legal voters of Sutherlin School District No. 130-C, Riddlebarger said.

The money will also be used to build four cottages and a two-room building for use of the grade school and to add two new rooms to the Nopparell School. The cottages could be adapted for use as teacher residences and the two-room building converted to a school bus garage, but for the present all will be used for classrooms.

Freeman and Hayslip of Portland are the architects for the new high school building, Riddlebarger said. The old high school building was condemned because of its faulty construction, lighting and ventilation. The building is also very crowded with present large enrollments.

Riddlebarger said the old building might be used for school district offices, but probably it will be razed.

The present grade school at Sutherlin is a six-room structure built in 1943. Also used in connection with the grade school is a two-room building serving as a cafeteria and home economics classroom.

Barn Dance Scheduled For Veterans Hospital

The monthly Red Cross dance for the patients of the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital will be held Monday, July 26, in the auditorium of the Recreation Building at 8 o'clock. This dance is being jointly sponsored by the Roseburg Local of the American Federation of Musicians and Harry Thomas of Eugene, through the Red Cross.

Lou Franco and his Happy Valley Cowboys orchestra are being provided by the Musicians Union. The "barn dance" motif will be carried out in the decorations. Novelty square dance numbers are to be put on by the Tuesday night square dance instruction class. Other surprise entertainment has also been arranged.

Cotton dresses will be the appropriate dress for ladies attending.

66 Manhole Covers Taken Under Watchman's Eyes

OAKLAND, Calif., July 23.—(AP)—Ever feel like jumping in a manhole and pulling the lid down behind you?

Night Watchman Joe Gomez did—but he couldn't. Three men in a truck drove up last night to the Phoenix Iron Works, where Gomez makes his rounds. They told him they were late arriving to pick up a load—and drove off with 66 manhole covers, he told police.

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PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Oregonians can dig for clams at night this year.

The State Fish Commission abolished the old "sunrise to sunset" rule on clam-digging as it set limits on quantities which may be taken for personal use.

The Commission added Ne-tucca Bay to the areas closed to commercial clamming: Netarts Bay, Salmon Bay and River, and Siletz Bay.

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Other survivors are sons, Lawrence D., Santa Maria, Cal.; Howard A., Prairie City, Or.; Roderick Jr., Boise; William A., Eugene; and John C., McMinnville; daughters, Mrs. Bonita Diller, Aurora; Mrs. Pauline Robertson, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Lucille Reddaway and Mrs. Betty Himes, both of Portland, and 13 grandchildren.

DECEIVING SIGN

DALLAS, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—The driver of a pilot car on a highway construction project forgot to remove his sign.

He drove downtown for gasoline and as he stepped out of the car at the station, lined up behind him were six motorists, obeying the injunction to: "Follow this car. Stay in line. Do not pass."

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