

Oregon Highway Routes in Good Shape for Winter

Major highway routes in Oregon will start the winter season in top condition this year, the Oregon State Motor Association reported today.

A check on road conditions made by national AAA field reporters, staff members of the Oregon Association, and reports from the Oregon Highway Department indicate roads in this state have been put in top shape, with maintenance projects all caught up following the war years and the period immediately following, the Association said.

Not only are road surfaces in good condition on major routes, but roadside ditches have been cleared and shoulders generally have been put in safe condition, according to the Association survey.

"While Oregon's roads are in top shape for the coming winter season, the individual motorist must accept responsibility for sound driving practices, or we will see a death toll of approximately 145 persons during the next five months," the Association said. "During the past five years, traffic accidents during the five months, November, December, January, February, and March have accounted for 43 percent of the traffic fatalities reported in this state. It is up to the driver to make sure he observes safe driving practices in inclement weather and to make sure his car is in good operating condition."

"With highways in top shape, with drivers keeping their vehicles in good condition and driving sensibly, we can cut down this tragic highway toll."

The Association urged drivers planning trips in mountain areas to check road conditions before starting. At the present time, for example, the motor club said chains should be carried on all mountain passes. In the coast area, during the winter, motorists should be alert to the danger of water on highways.

"There is no need for anyone to start a trip without getting advance information on road conditions these days," the Association said. "Up-to-the-minute information can be obtained from AAA headquarters, from the State Highway Department, from chambers of commerce, from police departments and in many instances, from the Forest Service. This advance information may save much inconvenience and discomfort and it may even save your life."

Molalla's Mayor-Elect Dies of Heart Attack

MOLALLA, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP)—Dr. Elmer T. Todd, 68, mayor-elect and former councilman, died yesterday at an Oregon City hospital after a heart attack. He had practiced medicine here since 1918.

The widow and an adopted son survive.

Husband Mum 3 Years, Wife Receives Divorce

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Silence may be golden—but not when a husband starts giving his wife the silent treatment on their silver wedding anniversary and walks out three years later—still silent.

That's "unnatural," Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled yesterday in granting Mrs. Dora M. Hartley,

62, a divorce and \$60 monthly alimony.

Witnesses testified that the couple maintained communication during the three-year silence by notes passed on by their two children.

Disaster Faced If Price Supports Go, Farmers Warned

BEND, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP)—American farmers face disaster if price supports fall to help them meet rising costs, the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation was told today.

Lowell Steen, president of the Oregon Federation, in an address prepared for delivery to the opening session of the annual meeting, said farmers' real income has slided back to its 1942 level.

"The program passed by the last Congress is not perfect, he said, but it 'combines the necessary features to stabilize agricultural prices.'

"Today there is a well organized drive to destroy this program even before it gets into operation," he continued. "Some metropolitan newspapers and magazines are filled with headlines blaming the farm support program for the high prices which the consumer is paying for food today."

"Undoubtedly we face a greater battle to retain our program than we did to first secure it," Steen said. "Expanded purchasing power, not price support, is the cause of high consumer prices."

"The consumers ought to be aware," he said, "that there are no price supports on cattle and hogs and that the hog prices today are far above the 90 per cent of parity support level. As a matter of fact, supplies are not short today compared with pre-war consumption. They are short primarily because the consumers have so much money that they choose to spend it on higher priced foods."

Distribution Costs Blamed

The farmers' share of the food dollar is now nearly the lowest it has been in five years, he said, while marketing prices are near a record high. Distribution costs are responsible for the larger part of the consumer price, he said.

"Inflation cannot be alleviated by lowering price supports," the federation president continued, "but can be remedied by greater production. But farmers will not and cannot be expected to continue record production unless they have some guarantee that future marketing disasters will be averted."

Reduction of the farm support program would result in less production, he said, which in turn would mean higher food prices.

Instead of talking about dropping farm support prices, Steen suggested considering expanding price supports to cover all commodities. "The whole of the body economic will prosper by continuation of a program which will avert disaster from any large segment of our society."

Truman-Stalin Huddle Foreseen in Red Press

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ress on a big scale, but that American troops were helping to smother it (U. S. Army headquarters at Seoul have denied that American troops were fighting in South Korea).

Every Moscow newspaper, from the smallest to the largest, printed the Truman-Stalin report.

An authoritative foreign source said:

"It is possible. It is possible." Another foreign source said that while such a meeting was possible eventually, a three-power meeting of British, French and Americans was likely to precede it in order to work out an agreement on the approach.

Persons who follow Russian policy closely said they believe if such an effort came from the West, Stalin probably would look favorably upon it.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Well-informed American sources said today they expect President Truman and Secretary Marshall to confer soon on prospects for entering direct talks with Russia.

The object of such talks would be to ease the strain on East-West relations in the world's tension areas.

Many top delegates at the United Nations Assembly are discussing the possibility of such a move. Speculation among them mounted as dispatches from Rome, Prague, Moscow and the United States reflected widespread interest in predictions of a meeting between President Truman and Stalin.

The American sources here said they are pretty sure the whole field of United States re-

lations with Russia will come up for review when Marshall returns to Washington and sees Mr. Truman.

That should take place, they said, within the next two weeks.

Industries Will Be Returned to Germany

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resolve this question within the limits of the military government policy already expressed."

Procedure Outlined

In the meantime, it added, the military governments consider that "an interim reorganization of these industries is essential in the interests of the recovery of the German economy."

The change in the coal industry will follow these steps:

"The colliery undertakings... will be withdrawn from their parent enterprises and set up under new companies to be formed for the purpose under German law," the announcement said.

"The military government will decide in broad outline the assets which will be allotted to each new company, will seize and transfer the title to such assets to the new companies."

"German nationals will be appointed as trustees for each new company by the military government after due consultation with the appropriate German bodies. Similar steps will be taken in the iron and steel industry, but they will be preceded by establishment of a steel trustee association."

The association, consisting of 32 Germans appointed by military government, will hold title temporarily to shares in iron and steel companies and exercise functions of ownership.

Its primary task, however, will be to propose measures for further reorganizing the industry "into a fewer number of companies in order to obtain production units of optimum efficiency."

The companies then will be organized with German trustees as in the coal industry.

The announcement emphasized that "undertakings in the coal and iron and steel industries in which allied interests as of Sept. 1, 1939, owned the share capital to the extent of more than 50 percent should be excluded from the application of these decisions."

Traffic Accident Kills One Person, Injures Two

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two and one-half years.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. L. L. Davis and stepfather, Mr. Davis, of Roseburg; her father, Clifford A. Jenkins, of Calistoga, Calif.; one-half sister, Ethel Jean Davis, and two half brothers, Cecil L. and Richard L. Davis, all of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be announced from the Long and Orr Mortuary.

New Pay Hike Demands Coming as Prices Rise

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offset the increases in gross weekly and hourly earnings. The consumers price (cost of living) index for moderate income families in large cities rose by about 30 per cent over the three-year period.

The Bureau's figures show that wage rates increased 8.7 per cent between October, 1947, and September, 1948—a period in which the living cost index rose 6.5 per cent. Comparable figures for the same period were not given.

The bureau said there are several reasons why actual earnings don't show as much increase as the 43 per cent jump in wage rates.

One is that the employees are working fewer hours with less opportunity for such premium pay as overtime and night dif-

ferentials. Hence, although their straight-time rates have gone up, they may receive less money than they were getting during the war.

Another reason is that a larger proportion of workers now are employed in the "generally lower-wage consumer good industries," than in the former high-skill war work.

The government agency found that earnings in non-manufacturing industries have varied from those in factories. Hourly wages in retail trade rose 33 per cent in the three-year post-war period, but only 23 per cent in finance, insurance and real estate establishments, the bureau said.

External Blow Death Cause, Jury's Verdict

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ternal hemorrhages.

Drinking Admitted

The husband, Frank V. Skinner, told the jury that if his wife had been ill or in pain, he was not aware of it, as "she was never one to complain," he admitted, on being cross-examined by District Attorney H. A. Canaday, that they had returned to their cabin Saturday afternoon from a shopping trip to Roseburg.

He denied having struck his wife or quarreled with her—"just a verbal dispute," and said the bruises on her body were the result of falls when she left their cabin to bring in kindling from the woodpile and to carry a pail of water from a nearby spring.

F. L. Osborne, employed by the Slate Construction Co. at Honeycreek Camp on the North Umpqua road, said he had driven the Skinners to Roseburg and returned Saturday afternoon. He said Mrs. Skinner appeared to be in normal health. He denied that the Skinners or he were drinking "while we were driving," but testified that Skinner had purchased "a fifth of whiskey in Roseburg and it was empty when we reached Ideleyd."

State Police are continuing their investigation into Mrs. Skinner's death but at this time have nothing further to report, Sgt. Lyle Harvell said.

The inquest, held at the Roseburg Funeral Home, was conducted by Deputy Coroner M. B. Emmitt, with the assistance of the district attorney. The jury included Bruce Elliott, Noble Coates, Dick Baker, A. J. Townsend, Story B. and Robert Bellows.

Funeral services for Mrs. Skinner will be announced by the Roseburg Funeral Home on the arrival of relatives here. She was born Feb. 2, 1910, in Phillips, Wis., and had lived with her husband near Roseburg since 1942. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

In addition to her husband, surviving relatives include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kriener, Shelton, Wash.; three brothers, William, Olympia; Joseph, Shelton; Frank, Sequim, Wash., and the following sisters, Marie Beltner, and Lena Hillstrand, both of Tacoma; Gustie Spring, Port Angeles; Rosie Bill, Everett; and Louise Racher, Shelton.

Papooses Set For Ashland Juniors

Roseburg Junior High School's Papooses play their last football game of the 1948 season Saturday at 8 p.m. on Finlay Field against Ashland Junior High, announced Coach Hod Turner.

These two teams met in the first game of the season and fought to a 0-0 tie. Roseburg had an 80-yard punt return to a touchdown called back, and members of the team felt they should have won the game. They will be out to prove their superiority Saturday.

Roseburg has played six games so far, winning three, losing two and tying one. They beat Myrtle Creek 18-6 and 13-0, and Cottage Grove 6-0. They lost to Medford Junior High 13-7 and Grants Pass 13-7.

Saturday's game should be a good one, announces Coach Turner, and a large turnout is hoped for by the students in order to give the team proper backing.

Riddle Six Easy Winner Over Glide

The Riddle Irish played host to the Glide "Wildcats" in a hard-fought six-man contest Nov. 5. The Irish proved too strong for the Glide club as they scored in every period, while completely hobbling the "Wildcats" until the final minute of play, when a long Glide pass scored over the Riddle reserves, score 32-0.

Headback Ken Haverly scored twice for Riddle on end sweeps. Charles Miles, his running mate, scored from 30 yards out, on an intercepted pass. End Don Riddle hit paydirt on a 40-yard pass from Miles, and End Jack Carter finished the scoring for Riddle when he took a short bullet pass from Gene Buckley, quarterback in the end zone.

Riddle journeys to Glide Nov. 16 for a return match.

Driving Courses Open At Oregon High Schools

Forty Oregon high schools including Roseburg are offering courses in driver education and road training with the use of dual control training cars this year, officials of the Oregon State Motor Association announced today.

Thirty-four of the schools are using cars provided through the Motor Association and its AAA affiliation. In all cases, new cars, dual control, are furnished the schools at no cost other than insurance, maintenance and operation.

Americans Fleeing From Chaotic China

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were reported ready to sail from Japanese ports.

Not all of the estimated 7,000 Americans in China were leaving. Only dependents, tourists and businessmen who have given up in all about 1,000 women and

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy today and Thursday. Low tonight of 32 degrees.

Highest temp. any Nov. 76
Lowest temp. for any Nov. 14
Highest temp. yesterday 53
Lowest temp. last night 34
Precipitation yesterday 0
Precipitation from Nov. 1 1.56
Precipitation from Sept. 1 4.75
Excess from Nov. 1 24

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