



FIRST SIGHT OF LOVEBIRD—Elizabeth Jane Arnold, of Washington, D. C., 5, born with impaired vision, smiles at the lovebird she can see after an operation by Dr. John McLe... in which the defective cornea of one eye was replaced by one taken immediately after death from a patient who had offered it.

Thirty Years Of Road Paving In Oregon Represent \$392 Million Cost

The State Highway commission, since 1917, has lifted the feet of Old Man Oregon, and his rubber tires out of the mud and onto a network of continually expanding pavements to the tune of approximately \$392,000,000.

This pavement has been built out of a magic mixture of ladies lipsticks, cosmetics, jewels, mink coats, whisky, gin, gasoline and what have you; and comparatively little out of taxes coming from the land which the highways have been built to serve.

Throughout all the "B-17" era, from 1859 until the Highway commission was created in 1917, roadways were built out of taxes taken from the nearby land. The cost of newly opened roads were assessed against the property contiguous to them; old roads were maintained by direct taxes levied throughout the respective counties. Since 1917 most of the load has been lifted off the land and shifted; by the federal government to its indirect lipstick et al income and by the state to gasoline.

During 1949 the highway map was extended by the expenditure of \$30,000,000 while \$23,500,000 have been allotted to the 1950-1951 construction program.

U. S.-Canada Highway Link Nearer Reality

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Progress was reported today in the effort to form a highway link between the U. S. and Canada.

A hundred miles of the 300-mile between Fairbanks and the Alaska-Canada border has been paved. Col. John R. Noyes, Alaska roads commissioner, told the National Association of State Highway Officials.

The project is part of a \$100,000,000 Alaska road program also including a 365-mile gravel road from Valdez to Fairbanks and a road connecting Anchorage and Seward and on to Homer.

Between Alaska and the U. S.-Canada border, Col. Noyes said, there are still 1,700 miles north of Edmonton to be paved. But that section between the border and Edmonton is paved.

Big Campaign On To Get Women To Exercise Their Right Of Suffrage

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Today's professional fighters for the rights of women have a far more modest goal than the vision of political equality with men, which inspired the early suffragette leaders to their noble efforts.

The great political purge, the great revitalizing of the whole American governmental process which giving the vote to women was supposed to produce never materialized. It has turned out that women really don't give much of a hoot about voting. If they do get around to it, it's usually at their husband's urging. And when they scan the ballot, if they don't see the name of a man whom they think to be "cute" chances are they'll follow their husband's advice on the matter.

The great social and economic liberation which political freedom was supposed to produce for the gals has been the other way around. What little political influence they exert today has largely been won through the social and economic liberation they got at first. And those freedoms have been won more by such crusaders as Max Factor and Hattie Carnegie than by the professional women's rights fighters.

League Sounds Tocsin

The exceptions such as Margaret Chase Smith and Helen Gahagan Douglas have been too rare over the years to prove anything except their rarity.

Proof of all this can be found in the big new program of the League of Women Voters which has just been launched here. A spokesman for the league calls it, "the most ambitious drive this organization has ever undertaken." The official announcement explains it as "a series of eleven regional conferences to train leaders of the league in ways to arouse women voters to accept party responsibility."

Miss Anna Lord Strauss, national president of the League, sounds the following keynote:

"The connecting link between you and your government officials is the political party. High government officials will make the final decisions on problems of peace and prosperity, but it is the political party that determines who these officials shall be. You can take an active part in the political party if you wish. Politics is everybody's business."

The big excuse that the league gives today for women falling to take a significant place in U. S. politics is that it's just too tough for them to get started in the game. This drive, apparently, is to cure that by showing them how to get started.

A pamphlet called "What's the U. S. to You?—a Quiz," is to be the Bible and guide of the League's drive. The publication is unique in that none of the questions are supposed to be so challenging to the female mind that they send the reader off in hot chase for the answers. Then

finally discovered that there wasn't enough difference between the principles of the national Democratic and Republican organizations to fill even a small pamphlet. Then they discovered that there were too many differences among the state organizations of the same party for even a large pamphlet to try to explain. So they put all of the unanswered questions which they had been collecting over a period of six years and made a pamphlet out of them instead.

By flooding the country with the league's new quiz publication and with the 11 regional conferences Miss Strauss hopes that by the 1950 election "all women will be active workers in the party of their choice."

Plea Of Insanity Made For Slayer

OGDEN, Utah, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Richard Dix Pack of Pocatello, Idaho, Monday pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to first degree murder charges.

His attorney, Wade Johnson, told District Judge Charles Cowley that a physician had examined Pack and found him insane.

Pack is accused of the slaying of Shirley V. Scott, 29, Seattle, whose nude body was found in a cheap hotel closet Aug. 19. She had been strangled.

"We are not going to prove he is so insane that he doesn't understand what is going on in this court," Johnson said, "but we are going to prove that his mentality is such that he could not have premeditated this crime."

Johnson added that he was prepared to withdraw the innocent plea if the charge were reduced to second degree murder. He further requested that the court name two alienists to examine Pack and that a sanity hearing be scheduled as soon as they prepare their report.

Oregon "Blue Book" Soon Ready For Distribution

Oregon's new state directory, better known as the "Blue Book," is nearing completion and will soon be ready for distribution. Secretary of State Newbery announced.

The directory contains current and historical information on all phases of state and local government, as well as statistical material and features of general interest to the state. It is distributed without charge to schools and public offices.

Newbery, whose office is directed by law to compile the book

every two years, reminded persons wishing to purchase a copy that the last legislature increased the price from 25 to 50 cents to cover increased costs of printing. Failure to include the correct amount with an order is causing extra correspondence and delay, he pointed out.

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