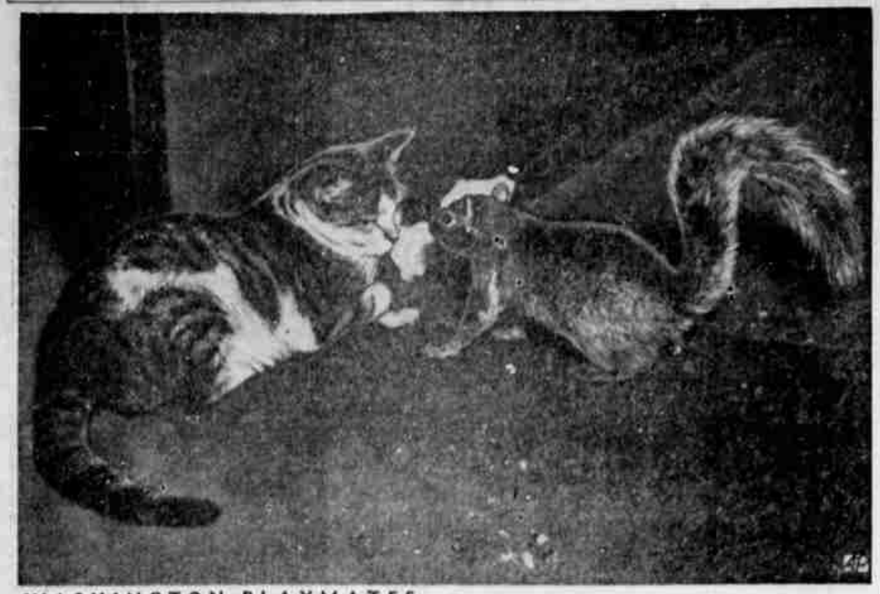

WASHINGTON PLAYMATES — Pete, a squirrel found as a baby in the Capitol grounds at Washington, is playmate of Kitty the cat in the air-conditioning room where both live.

Oregon Highway Work Hit Major Pace After Formation Of State Commission In '17

By RALPH WATSON

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The state of Oregon really started throwing dirt in 1917 when the legislature put highway construction in the hands of a three-man commission appointed by the governor; passed and submitted to the people the $6 million bond bill together with other assisting legislation.

The commission act was signed by Governor Withycombe February 19 and the first commission appointed March 1. It consisted of Simon Benson of Portland, wealthy lumberman and good roads enthusiast, who was elected chairman; W. L. Thompson, Pendleton banker; and E. J. Adams of Eugene, engaged in the building and loan and real estate business, who drew the short term expiring April 1, 1918. He was then succeeded by Robert A. Booth, lumberman, of Eugene. The commission elected Herbert Nunn as its first state highway engineer and started building highways.

The commission at the outset adopted the rule, which has been adhered to through the succeeding years, that the business of the commission should be carried on by unanimous vote of the three commissioners. It adopted the main trunk line roads, previously recommended by the legislature and outlined by preceeding commissions, as the official highway system of the state. These included the Columbia and Pacific highways, the Roosevelt (Oregon Coast), The Dallas-California, and East-West central Oregon routes—the system as a whole being practically that of the present mainline state highway map.

June 25, 1917, the commission went on record, as a war measure, to devote its resources to the completion of the two main trunk lines, the Columbia and Pacific highways. It was faced with labor and material shortages which hampered contractors and made their bids so high that, in many instances, the commission was forced to carry its work forward by force account. Its equipment at the time consisted, in the main, of three concrete mixers, three road rollers, four rock crushers, six auto trucks, plus some miscellaneous tools.

People Vote Bonds

The voters of the state, at a special election on June 4, 1917, cast an affirmative majority of 13,513 behind the $6 million bonding act, and shortly thereafter $2,190,000 of bonds were sold for highway building. In addition to this, $400,000 of "Bean-Barrett" bonds were sold to match federal cooperative funds, these sums to be added to other funds available to the commission.

By early June of 1917, the new commission had organized and set up its office machinery, and between that time and November 30, 1918, had laid 30 miles of paved highway and 112 miles of macadam; had graded 134.5 miles of roadbed; made surveys for 902 miles of state roads; and designed 95 bridges and 15 culverts, of which 59 of the bridges and 11 of the culverts had been constructed.

In doing all this there had been expended a grand total of $3,597,982. This came $528,790 from the ¼ mill tax levy then in effect; $281,902 from auto licenses; $2,077,565 from the sale of bonds; and $709,725 from county funds.

Oregon at last had awakened to the value of good roads as well as their economic necessity through the development of motor transport, and state and local government forces were joining hands to hasten their construction. By the close of 1918 the record shows 11 of the counties had voted the issuance of $4,017,000 in county bonds for the improvement of county roads and state highways in collaboration with the state commission's program.

Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH

Easter sunrise services will be held on top of the Elkton Reservoir hill at 6 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 9. All interested persons are invited and are advised to wear warm clothing and overshoes. Services are to start promptly at 6 a.m. In the advent of rain, the services will be held at the Elkton Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abraham have been advised that their daughter, Mrs. Glen Walker of Klamath Falls, won the jackpot on the "Ladies First" program recently. Mrs. Walker received more than $200.00 worth of fine prizes.

The junior class of the Elkton high school cleared $65.00 from its class play "Let Me Out of Here," last Friday. Funds received from the play will be used to help pay the expenses of the junior-senior banquet and prom to be held May 12.

The Elkton Home Extension unit will meet April 13, at the home of Mrs. Ted Taylor. Topic for discussion is "Care of the Skin" and it will be presented by Corinne McTaggart, county home extension agent. Time for the meeting is 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Ethel Cole, from the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, drove down Sunday to visit and check up on Mrs. L. Holcomb. Mrs. Cole was Mrs. Holcomb's special nurse during her stay in the hospital.

Guests at the Frank Binder home over the weekend included William Fisher from Veneta, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nelson and children, Andrew and Doris, of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dickens and son Lee, of Springfield.

Ben Morganti went to Portland on a business trip over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor visited at Gold Hill Sunday with Taylor's uncle, Floyd Taylor.

Arnold Cheever was taken back to the Sacred Heart hospital Monday, where he is in poor condition with double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hancock went to Coos Bay where they visited Mrs. Hancock's brother, Homer Wells, who was recently injured in a logging accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Gorsline of Eugene visited with their daughter Mrs. Ben Morganti over the weekend.

Gov. McKay Appoints Nursing Board Member

SALEM, April 6 — (AP) —Mrs. Louise Arneson, Salem has been reappointed by Governor Douglas McKay to the state nurses examining board.

Miss Shirley Thompson, superintendent of the Doernbecher Memorial Children's hospital in Portland, was appointed to the same board.

T. F. Fry, Portland, representing employes, and Earl Kast, Eugene, representing veteran - employers, were reappointed to the state appreticeship council.

Boy Returns Page Lifted From Betsy Ross Bible

PHILADELPHIA, April 6—(AP)—A page from the Betsy Ross Bible, stolen from the historic flag house, was recovered Wednesday.

Theft of the page, bearing original records of the Betsy Ross family, was reported Tuesday. But police disclosed that actually it was stolen last Christmas by a 15-year-old high school student.

Detective Lieutenant Frank May said the boy disclosed the theft after it was made public.

May said the page was insured for $15,000.

The boy, identified as Joseph Ciccimaro, was charged with burglary and sent to the house of detention pending a hearing in juvenile court.

May quoted him as saying "It was only a joke. If I'd thought it was worth anything, I'd have sold it long ago."

Defense Nations May Lease Air Bases In Spain

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, April 1. — (AP) — Atlantic pact military advisers were reliably reported today preparing to recommend letting Spain into the western defense system through the back door.

The military leaders, here for a meeting with the defense ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations, were said to be favoring the leasing of air bases from the Franco government, rather than Spain's direct membership in the Western defense alliance.

Reliable sources said the recommendation would be put before the meetings of the pact nation's foreign ministers beginning in London, May 8.

Backers of the plan to utilize Spanish air bases contend these fields would permit U.S. strategic bombers to fly shorter distances with consequent heavier bomb loads to blast Russian transport and production centers in the event of war with the Soviets.

In addition the mountain passes connecting Spain with the rest of Europe could be easily blocked off in the event the Russians should overrun the rest of the continent, the military experts say.

Sources close to the conference here said the leasing of Spanish bases would be a purely military arrangement. It would not imply approval of the Spanish government, they asserted, any more than economic aid to Yugoslavia implies approval of the Tito regime.

Barber Affiliation Demands Caution In Shop

PORTLAND, April 1. — (AP) — fellow has to be careful here about labor union topics when he sits down in the barber shop chair for a trim.

The master barbers of Portland, the bosses of the shops, have signed a contract with the CIO Barbers and Beauty Culturists of America.

The CIO contract starts July 1, when the AFL barbers' contracts with the master barbers expire.

AFL barbers' secretary C. T. Crane said his hair cutters would strike. This brought a response from Frank Penner, secretary of the master barbers, that there were enough CIO barbers around to take the jobs. He said the strike was anticipated when the contract with the CIO was signed.

He explained the shop owners have been required to join the AFL and pay dues but do not have a vote in the union's affairs. This prompted the shift to the CIO, he said.

Texas Town Elects Write-In Republican

ROSCOE, Texas, April 6—(AP)—Rock-ribbed Democratic Texas finally has a Republican mayor.

This west Texas town (pop: 1,166) elected L. S. Howard, a Republican, Tuesday even though his name wasn't on the ballot. The write-ins defeated O. L. Cranfill, former city councilman.

Fish Boat Skipper Sees Mystery Sub

ASTORIA, Ore., April 6 — (AP) — A tuna ship skipper reported Wednesday that he sighted an unidentified submarine five miles off Crescent City, Calif., on March 7.

The skipper, Charles F. Drury, said it flew no flag and he assumed it was a United States submarine until he brought the tuna vessel Kiska into port here and learned there were reports of foreign subs off California. He said he had reported his observation to the coast guard.

Drury said he observed the submarine through powerful navy-type glasses at a distance of four miles from his vessel, which was nine miles off shore.

"It was what I'd call a conventional silhouette, a modern submarine of average size, some 300 feet long, and fully surfaced," he said.

"I could see no mast, though it may have had a telescoping mast too thin to be seen at that distance," he continued.

It was too far away to tell whether there were any men on deck, Drury said, and he added that "it made no effort to conceal itself."

Drury commanded liberty ships in World War II—one was torpedoed by a submarine — and served in the British Navy for 10 years. He is a veteran of 40 years at sea.

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Kraft's Mayonnaise Pints 38c

Kellogg's Corn Soya 8-oz. Pkg. 14c

Swansdown Cake Flour 35c

SUNSHINE CRACKERS 16-oz. Box 25c

SUNSHINE MIXED CANDIES 10-oz. Cello Bags 19c

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