

Progress Of State Highway Program In Its Fourteenth Year Recounted

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At the close of 1930 the highway commission surveyed its accomplishments and decided that its job was almost finished. It was the close of the 14th year since the start of the program, and the commission, in its report, notes that "at the present time on the state highway system of 4,359 miles 4,019 have been improved and only 340 remain unimproved."

As of that date, the commission had laid 739 miles of paving (129 miles concrete and 551 of bituminous), 1,572 miles of oiled macadam, 239 miles, done 708 miles of resurfacing and 397 miles of regrading. It notes that Multnomah and incorporated cities of not more

than 2,000 population had done their own paving without state assistance, during the 14 years, 558 bridges over 20 feet in length had been constructed by the commission.

During the 14-year period there had been expended a gross total of \$141,982,545 of which \$14,396,140 was county funds, \$13,222,242 government, \$563,629 miscellaneous and \$113,810,533 state money. Of the state funds a total of \$29,241,000 represented payments on bonded debt and interest.

It is noted that "The Pacific and West Side Pacific highways have been considered as completed, but betterments have been necessary." Progress had been made on the entire highway network, but at a faster and heavier traffic had begun to call for widened roadways, improved curves and flatter grades. The Roosevelt coast highway had been opened for the greater part of its length, barring heavy construction at such points as Heceta Head, and the commission foresaw a completed road in the late summer of 1932.

The commission started in 1928 with H. B. Van Duzer as chairman, U. E. Gates of Medford, and Robert W. Sawyer of Bend as commissioners. In 1930 Sawyer resigned and M. A. Lynch of Redmond was appointed to succeed him.

The first of the coast bridges, and the largest up to then undertaken by the commission, was contracted to be constructed across the Rogue river between Gold Beach and Wedderburn in January 1930, to be completed by December 1931.

Oratory Priz Winner Speechless At Welcome

SEATTLE, May 17. —(AP)—John Rydgren won a \$1,000 national oratory prize in Baltimore but he couldn't find a word to say when he arrived back home Tuesday in Seattle.

More than 300 fellow students from Franklin high school were on hand when the 18-year-old champion's train arrived, and they brought along the school band.

Everybody was singing a special version of "Oh, Johnny" as the train pulled in. Then the Franklin girls club sang "We Knew You Were Coming So We Baked a Cake" and presented Johnny with a cake. Rydgren took first place in the high school division of the Hearst newspapers' tournament of orators at Baltimore last Friday.

Philadelphia Orchestra Leader Ormandy Marries

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia orchestra, and Margaret Francis Hirsch of Vienna were married Monday in a civil ceremony at city hall.

The 30-year-old Ormandy has been conductor and music director of the world-famed symphonic orchestra since 1938. He was married once before and divorced.

Mrs. Ormandy, 41, came to the United States 12 years ago from her native Vienna and became an American citizen. A licensed pilot, she served with the Navy at Norfolk, Va., during World War II.

Republicans Pay Dixie Taxi Debt Of Gov. Of Montana

HELENA, Mont., (AP)—Montana Republicans have sent \$9 to a New Orleans taxi driver to pay the fare of a man jailed for drunkenness and booked as "John Bonner," Montana's Democratic governor, George M. Gosman of Dillon said.

Gosman, Montana's Republican central committee chairman, said in a telephone conversation from Dillon: "the payment is an official act of the Montana Republican central committee. The committee also sent a note to the driver but I don't remember the wording."

The taxi driver, Philip Bollinger, reported picking up a fare who said he was the governor of Montana. He complained his passenger still owed him \$5 and the price of several drinks bought after the fare ran short of cash.

New Orleans police Captain Joseph Guillot said he arrested the man booked as John Bonner in a French quarter night club.

Gov. John W. Bonner refused to confirm or deny that he was the person who spent six hours in the New Orleans jail.

Northwest Jobs Gain Attributed To Lumber

SAN FRANCISCO—Pacific coast industrial and commercial employment increased 57,000 in March, reaching 4,010,000, within one percent of the March, 1929 level.

Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported California's gain was less than one percent, while Oregon and Washington had increases of about 4 percent.

Gains in the lumber industry were the major factor for the rise in Oregon and Washington and contributed to the increase in California.

CAT GANG-UP VICTIM HARLECH, WALES—IT WAS

bad luck for a black cat named Johnny when a flock of jackdaws crossed his path.

Johnny chased the birds up into a tower of ruined old Harlech castle.

When they chased Johnny out onto a windowsill and tortured him for two days with one fell swoop after another.

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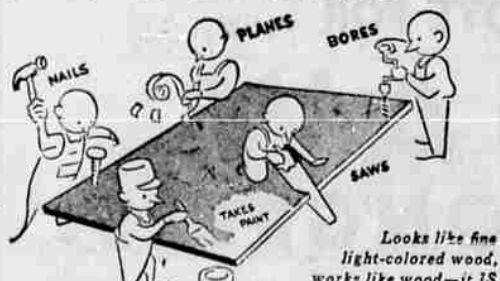
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