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Oregon Leads The Nation In Highways

Oregon still leads the nation in the percentage of planned mileage of interstate freeway among the states of the nation.

The state Highway Department in Salem reports Oregon's percentage of interstate freeway mileage completed or adequate for present traffic has climbed to slightly more than 74 per cent.

The U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, in its latest quarterly report ending Sept. 3, has Oregon leading the nation with 74.2 per cent of its interstate system open to traffic. This is 8.3 per cent ahead of New York, which remains in second place.

The BPR report says Oregon has 732 miles planned for the interstate system. So far 364.7 miles are completed to full interstate standards and another 178.9 miles are adequate for traffic.

These stretches are part of the 41,000-mile interstate system project under way in the nation. So far in the United States, 15,400 miles have been opened to traffic. Another 5,400 miles are under construction.

The program is particularly important to Douglas County because it has the longest stretch of Interstate Highway 5 in the state—almost 90 miles.

And construction work is under way or completed along a considerable stretch in Douglas County. So far completed are 9.31 miles from

about Myrtle Creek to Canyonville, 10.92 miles from Rice Hill to Sutherlin, a 1.42 mile section north of Anlauf and 1.63 and 1.73-mile sections at Roseburg and east of Winston.

Under way are more than \$8 million in other interstate projects. They are the Anlauf-Elkhead Road section of about 9 miles (at a cost of about \$3 million), the Elkhead Road to Rice Hill section of about three miles (more than \$2 million), Winchester to North Roseburg of about 4 1/2 miles (more than \$2 million) and Fairgrounds to Shady Point of 1.7 miles (about a million).

Meanwhile, bids will be opened this week for the 7.52 mile section between Sutherlin and Winchester section. Plans are also in the works for construction of a nine-mile section of four-laning from Roberts Mountain to Myrtle Creek.

When these projects are completed, the state will have an interstate, four-lane highway from the Oregon-Washington line to Canyonville.

The rapid progress on the interstate highways is good business. It offers the benefits of reduction of accidents, reduction of travel time and reduction of vehicle operating costs.

The state can be proud of the highway system it is building and the leadership it is taking in the program among all the states. It's a good investment.

"See How Big You're Getting!"



Nhu Voice Heard Too Often Here

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Free speech is a fine thing. I am sure, and I generally approve the right of a fellow to rear up on his hind legs and speak his piece, however erroneous, misleading or blasphemous. Particularly in his own country.

But I think we've had a sufficiency of Madame Nhu. I am crocodilling no tears over this charming ward of our court, who lammed out of Saigon in what would appear to be perfect timing for the assassination of her husband and brother-in-law in the recent coup in South Viet Nam. They knocked off the pair while Madame was having the bags plastically unzipped from her eyes on the West Coast, and it would not surprise too many people if her other bags contained a fair portion of the Vietnamese treasury.

Same Time Factor

There seems to be no other real reason for Madame Nhu to desert her ever-loving at a crucial point of her country's history — and the experts tell me that the coup has been brewing for about the same time little cutie-pants has been overseas shooting off the loudest mouth since Ethel Merman belted out song "There's No Business Like Show Business." I would assume, in the honored tradition of family-run countries, that somebody reads the handwriting and takes off with the swag.

Apart from my involvement in the yearly taxes, which have gone to pay for the high price of non-winning a war, I wouldn't care if Madame Nhu had beat it with the treasury intact.

But having the good Madame constantly around is more or less like what Jimmy Breslin said — it's like hiring Willie Sutton to work in your bank. I loathe noisy dames, for a start, and this has certainly been a squawky one.

Constant Tinny Yack

Her own dear sister says that Madame enforced the ban against dancing because one of her boy friends ran off with a taxi-dancer. For downholding the Twist I could love her, but even the Twist is preferable to that constant tinny yack which makes the papers with monotonous regularity. No wonder poor Diem was a bachelor. With Sis-in-law sounding off in the palace daily, he didn't need a wife.

The American press has been revoltingly charitable to this time, by all accounts. All she has to do is play the Madame Butterfly bit in front of the nasty-question askers, and they melt. So she's pretty, and so is her daughter. But she's still got a fork in her fishwife's tongue.

It appears now we are especially embarrassed by the little lady's presence since they scragged the immediate members of the family. The good girl wanted, she says, our protection to go home to collect her other kids — and, I presume, anything else valuable she might have overlooked when she buzzed off before the shooting started.

I think we owe it to the little

Lotus Blossom to send her home. I'm sure that the boozing, twisting, shady-lady fanciers and jazz-music-lovers will be delighted to see her again, as the prime mover in the abolition of the indoor sports which made life in Saigon bearable. It was quite edifying that the first thing the citizens did after the Royal Family got clobbered was to open up the joy houses.

Apart from a natural inclination to weep over the demise of the mad brother-in-law and his hate-filled associate, Madame Nhu's husband, I would say we could remove the Madame from our shores on the charge of vocal rudeness alone.

Pleasant Change

Politeness is a thing that even women should be taught, when they are visiting the people who feed them, and somewhere along the way Madame Nhu's governess goofed. If her pillow talk is portion to her public utterance, I am not surprised that the sister-mentioned boy friend took off with the taxi-dancer.

Her husband might even find his current condition of heavenly relief from the affairs of state a pleasant change.

I don't let us off the hook a minute, mind you. If she had been ugly we'd have told her to shut up and seen her to the door. As it was we took a lot of guff from a big-mouthed female with no feasible platform.

and I suppose it was all out of sheer nerves in regard to what was about to explode. The State Department moves in mysterious ways, its blunders to perform, and I suggest that the next best step would be to export the lady to Cuba. She and Castro would make a great television team.

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In Days Gone By

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40 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1923

A standing-room-only crowd turned out at the Roseburg Armory to hear Gov. Pierce flay corrupt officials who were not enforcing the Prohibition law. He insisted Prohibition was cutting down on drinking. "I don't think there is one gallon consumed today where a hundred were consumed a few years ago," he said. "Why think of every little town like Roseburg or Pendleton with 15 or 20 saloons. Carloads of beer and whiskey were consumed everywhere."

The Roseburg Elks football team was hobbled on the North Bend field today by the Coos

Bay All-Stars, 6-0. Two of the fastest men on the team, Okey Taggart and Carl Black, both of whom were badly crippled when they took their places on the field "were packed off in the second half, after they had tried gamely to stand the gaff and exhibit enough fight to bring home the bacon."

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1938

Germany today called home her ambassador to Washington for a report on "the queer attitude" of President Roosevelt and other American leaders toward the wave of violence and restrictive measures against Jews in Nazi Germany.

Construction of a modern, fireproof school building to serve children of the elementary grades in the Edenbower district was assured today after patrons voted to approve issuance of \$1,800 in interest-bearing warrants to augment previously authorized bonds for \$4,554. With PWA grant of \$3,726, the district will have \$9,080 for construction purposes.

"Love Finds Andy Hardy," starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, is now playing at the Indian Theatre.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1953

Halfback Nub Beamer and center Dennis Brundage of Roseburg were named to the 1953 District 5-A-1 all-star team. Beamer was the top scorer of the district.

Thomas Sylvanus Bouse, 52, sentenced to death for murdering his wife in the bathtub of their Roseburg home, has appealed to the state Supreme Court contending he did not get a fair trial.

Watts Construction Co. of Portland this week started work on a contract to build a six-mile extension to the North Umpqua Highway from Steamboat to Apple Creek.

The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Conservation Of Beauty Old Hat In Douglas Area

A great deal of publicity has been given a swap of land on the Rogue River. The trade between the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Plywood Corporation is made to preserve the scenic beauty of the river.

That's "Old Hat" here in Douglas County where a wholesale interchange of land has resulted in the North Umpqua River east from Rock Creek being preserved for public access and for scenic and recreational purposes. A program for preservation of scenic and recreational attributes on the tidewater section of the Umpqua also has made much progress.

This recognition of the commercial value of beauty along our rivers is a source of great satisfaction and approval. That a tree is valuable just for its appearance, even more than for manufacture into lumber, is a concept all too often neglected.

The Rogue River long has been known for the outstanding beauty to be seen in a ride from the mouth to Agness. For many years this scenic trip has attracted many thousands of people to enjoy the boat ride provided as a private enterprise.

Recently jet-powered, shallow-draft boats have been put into operation. Previously the Rogue River trip was by a high-powered boat. The drive shaft included a universal joint. The propeller was mounted on a runner which lifted it above the bottom as the boat negotiated shallow water.

Beauty Stirring

This thrilling boat trip gives one an experience long to be remembered. Beauty of the river, however, has been threatened by extensive timber removal. Building of a road along the river bank has been vigorously fought by many people seeking retention of recreational possibilities.

On the one hand, exploiters of the commercial resources of the area would support the construction of a highway along the river. Presently there is no roadway along much of the river. Recently the Bureau of Land Management reconstructed an old trail, but has limited its use entirely to hikers. Even the use of horses has been banned, amidst loud outcries, particularly from guides who would like to use horses to take in fishing and tourist parties.

At present a mountain road, from Glendale, by way of Mt. Reuben to a connection with the road from Powers to Agness, permits vehicular traffic in the summer, but a large part of the Rogue River area remains "wild." How much longer recreationists will be able to fight off the encroachment of commercialism is a matter of conjecture.

The trade recently completed, however, is looked upon as a rainbow of promise. The U.S. Forest Service traded U.S. Plywood a tract of timber on the 5,195 acres containing 9.6 miles of river frontage between Lobster Creek and Agness. The trade still must pass approval at public hearings but is expected to receive general assent.

Several years ago, as Douglas County set up the first county

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Monday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 1963 with 43 to follow.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:

In 1883, the United States adopted Standard Time and the nation was divided into four time zones.

In 1903, the United States and Panama signed a treaty which led to the building of the Panama Canal.

In 1939, John L. Lewis was elected president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy patrolled the Caribbean to guard against a Cuban invasion of Central America.

A thought for the day—Former President Thomas Jefferson said: "Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you."

Teacher Hired At Days Creek

Charles C. Adams Jr. has been hired by the Days Creek School Board to teach at Days Creek High School.

Mrs. Durnin Swingley, correspondent, said Adams will fill the vacancy created by the unexpected resignation of shop and history teacher, Eugene Earl. Earl reportedly gave up the job because of ill health.

Adams is the possessor of three master's degrees — in education, agriculture and guidance. For the past seven years, he has taught in Oregon high schools.

According to Mrs. Swingley, Adams was in line for a State Department of Education position which failed to materialize when the tax referral vote forced an economy move in that department.

Adams is married and has three children.

matter of fact



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