AUTOMOBILE NEWS of the WEEK

NEW PARK ROADS TO BE SURVEYED

Proposed Routes Include Crater Lake to Odell Lake, 40-Mile Stretch.

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Routes for nine new roads entering the national parks of the west will be surveyed this summer with a view to their construction under terms of the Leavitt approach road act passed by the last congress.

The park service has requested Director McDonald of the bureau of roads to make the surveys to determine eligibility of the routes under the law and to arrive at cost of construction so the park service may recommend to congress an extension of the present law and appropriations.

The routes proposed include in Oregon 40 miles from the north boundary of Crater Lake Park to Odell Lake, of which eight miles have been surveyed.

The total cost of the surveys was estimated at $61,800, covering 143 miles of proposed road. A six-mile stretch on the Ashton-Cave Falls road lying across private lands will be built by the Idaho public works department.

Director Albright asked McDonald to arrange for field conferences between the various state and federal agencies interested to decide on location, financial cooperation and other points.

Funds for the surveys will be allotted from the appropriation accompanying the Leavitt act. A total of $3,000,000 for this and next fiscal years was appropriated, most of which will go to construction of projects already settled upon. Another similar appropriation for the next two years is to be sought by the park service to build whatever projects are chosen after the surveys now ordered.

Hidden Licenses Violation of Law

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP) — Touring or other equipment should not be packed so as to hide the front or rear license plates on a car because this practice is a violation of the Oregon Motor code, advises the Oregon State Motor association. The motorists' organization also sounds a note of caution against fastening equipment to lights. This often obscures the lights or causes the brackets to bend, resulting in incorrect focus.

Another point brought to the attention of motorists is that luggage should be tied securely and in such a manner as not to project beyond the hub cap on the left hand side of the vehicle or more than six inches beyond the caps on the right side.

County Completes Widening Highway

BAKER, Ore., April 18 (Special)—Widening of four and one-half miles of road down Snake river between Huntington and Robinette has been completed, County Judge Charles E. Baird, who visited the scene of the road work Tuesday announced here. In addition to widening the road the county crew is making "turnouts" along the Huntington-Robinette section.

The county will finish graveling two miles of road in the Durkee district this week. The section lies between Durkee and the William Smith farm.

A crew started graveling the Jacobson lane this side of North Powder. The stretch is one and one-half miles long.

A thoroughfare in Washington has been named Constitution avenue. It's best to keep on the right side of this avenue!

A Pittsburgh woman motorist who ran down the same man twice in one day, is engaged to marry him. Bound to get her man one way or another.

A New Jersey department store announces it will hire no more fat girls. For them, lean days are ahead.

No Exceptions To License Ruling

SALEM, April 18 (AP)—There are no exceptions to the law requiring drivers of automobiles to have licenses, an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle held, in reply to a request by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss. A convict in the Oregon State penitentiary, when driving a car as trustee for the prison, must have a driver's license, the opinion held.

1931-32 Licenses Are Due on July 1

SALEM, April 18 (AP)—Blanks for the new motor vehicle license plates for 1931 and 1932, will be issued May 12, it was announced by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss. New licenses are due July 1.

The first application for new license was received April 13, one month before blanks are to be issued. The application and check was sent in by Frank H. Chatas, of Pendleton.

Texas - Panama Highway Blocked By Lack of Cash

SAN SALVADOR (AP)—United States money must be forthcoming if Salvador is to build her link in the international highway planned to run from the Texas border to the Panama Canal.

Officials of this republic believe that other Central American governments are in the same boat.

Dr. Francisco Espinoza, minister of finance, said the Salvadorean share of the project would cost $5,000,000. But already the customs receipts of the country are pledged to New York banks for paving and other public works loans and until the coffee situation improves there is no other source of income in sight.

The recent Pan-American highway conference at Panama estimated the construction costs for each of the Central American nations as follows: Costa Rica and Guatemala, $12,000,000 each; Nicaragua, $10,000,000; Salvador, $5,000,000; Honduras and Panama, $3,500,000.

Association Gives Hints For Overhauling Car During Spring

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP) — Spring cleaning and car overhauling are companion terms at this season of the year when wise motorists prepare their vehicles to eliminate minor difficulties and to make driving more pleasant in the summer, according to the free emergency road service of the Oregon State Motor association, which offers the following suggestions:

Clean carbon and grind valves.

Change lubricants of both engine and chassis to the grades recommended for warmer weather operation.

Clean the entire fuel system and readjust the carburetor.

Replace the straining element in the oil filter.

Set back the generator in case it has been advanced to compensate for the more severe drain on the battery during winter.

Check the spark plugs and replace those which are defective as to gap, insulation or the like.

Drain and flush transmission and differential housings.

Check over gaskets, gears and bushings through which oil may be leaking.

Have the wheels aligned. They are likely to have been thrown out by skidding into the curbs, or being bumped by other cars during slippery days.

Check over the tires for cuts. If any are found, fill them up with one of the many good compounds on the market.

Have the headlights properly adjusted.

Check the steering mechanism for looseness and wear that turns into wheel wobble when speeds increase.

The change from spring to summer adds the need for careful inspection of all motor parts so that drivers may be assured of efficiency from the standpoint of safety as well as that of motor operation.

Use More Care On Gravel Road, Group Is Urging

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP) — Oregon motorists can assist materially in reducing their own taxes, and at the same time, can assure themselves of better highways, if they will use a little care while driving over dirt or gravel roads during the months of early spring, according to the Oregon State Motor association, which is assisting county authorities to secure cooperation to prevent unnecessary breaking down of roads in early spring.

When road beds are undermined by heavy rains, they may collapse under excessive loads, necessitating expensive repairs and, often, causing the road to be closed to certain kinds of traffic, the motor association points out.

Road shoulders also become softened in spring and will crumble if vehicles travel too closely to the outside edge.

Motorists should drive nearer the center of county roads and should refrain from transporting excessive loads during the spring, thus assisting in preserving the highways and in reducing maintenance costs, the motor association says.

Shell Oil Workers On Five Day Week

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 (AP)—The Shell Oil company yesterday announced adoption of the five day week for employes in the fields, pipe lines and refineries.

"This is in line with the practice that is now becoming generally established throughout those branches of the oil industry in California," the company said.

PERRY PERSONALS

By Mrs. La Von Koger
(Observer Correspondent)

PERRY, Ore., (Special) — A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myrick in honor of Mrs. Myrick's anniversary. The evening was spent listing and dancing and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Del Turnbow, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Shewie, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Graham, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pierson.

Bessie O'Neil returned home from Portland Tuesday morning where she spent a few days visiting friends.

Paul Hanby, of Vale, was a guest at the Alvah O'Neil home one day this week.

Word was received that Mr. and Mrs. Steve Proctor, of Oakridge, but formerly of Perry are the proud parents of a three and three-fourths pound son, born April 8. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pierson spent an evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Graham in La Grande recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bond made a business trip to Baker recently.

Grace Morris, of Summerville, and Leslie Jewell, of Wallowa, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myrick Tuesday.

Stanley Cathcart left for Clarkston, Wash., Tuesday where he will take treatments. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

The children of the lower grades and their teacher, Mrs. Lois Kelly, enjoyed a hike and weiner roast, Mrs. H. J. Horstman and son, Jack, of Kamela, and Mrs. Ruth McCormick accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evans, of La Grande, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reher.

QUAKES' "WHIPSNAP" ON BUILDINGS STUDIED

By F. B. Colton
(Associated Press Science Writer)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam is planning to hook up a sort of "speedometer" to some of his earthquakes in an effort to learn just how they shake down buildings.

The hundreds of persons who died in the Managua earthquake were not killed by the quake itself, of course, but by buildings that collapsed upon them or in fires started by the collapse of buildings.

Damage from earthquakes in cities may be greatly reduced if the government's studies succeed. By learning just how earthquake forces operate, engineers hope to be able to design buildings that will resist them.

The earthquake "speedometer" will be a specially-designed instrument called an accelerometer. It is expected to measure the rate at which the motion of the ground is speeded up at the time of an earthquake.

This will reveal how earthquakes exert strain on buildings and may help engineers design structures that can resist the strain without adding too much to the expense of construction.

Accelerometers will be placed at points where earthquakes are believed most likely to occur. Captain Nicholas H. Heck of the coast and geodetic survey is in California arranging to place some of the instruments there.

Earthquakes wreck some buildings by making them "snap the whip." An earthquake may swing the ground northward, carrying a building with it. The northward swing is transmitted more quickly to the bottom of the building than the top, seismologists say. The top of the building is still swinging toward the north when the bottom of the building has started to swing back toward the south.

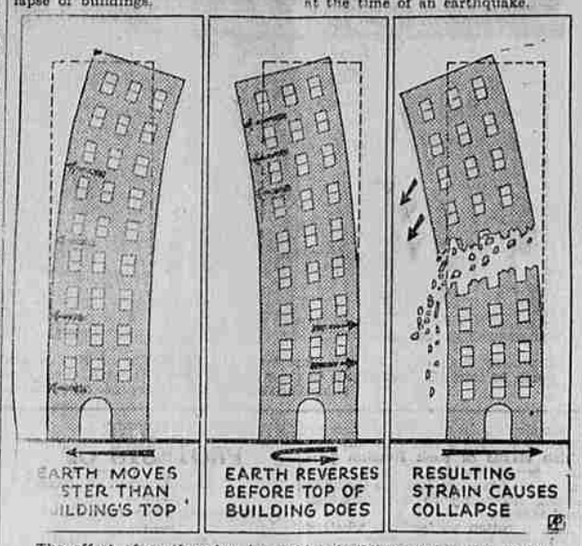
These opposing forces may strain the building so much that it collapses, just as a speeding automobile skids or overturns when the brakes are applied too suddenly. The more rigidly a building is constructed the less danger there is of collapse, it is believed.

The accelerometers will work much like seismographs, the delicate machines that register earthquakes at a distance. Seismographs are so delicate, however, that nearby earthquakes disrupt their mechanism before they can register the quake movements. The accelerometers will be strong enough to register movements of quakes at the points where they occur.

Essentially a seismograph consists of a large suspended weight. Attached to the weight is a mirror that reflects a beam of light on a revolving strip of photographic paper.

During an earthquake the weight tends to stand still, while the ground moves under it, moving the strip of paper from side to side under the spot of light. The wavy lines registered on the paper show the severity of the quake.

The accelerometer will work on a similar principle. It will go into action automatically when an earthquake starts. The government plans to place accelerometers at earthquake centers in different parts of the United States to "map" the actions of quakes when they take place.



The effect of earthquakes in making buildings "snap the whip," causing them to collapse as shown in the diagram, is being studied by scientists of the United States Coast and Geodetic survey.

Imbler Seniors To Stage Play On Wednesday

By Mrs. Ray Wilson
(Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER (Special)—One of the big events of the year in Imbler, the senior play, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 22, in Wade hall. The cast is working hard and has the play well in hand. "Beads on a String" is the title of the farce-comedy to be presented. The cast includes: Benny McCoy as Benny Davis, who disguises himself as a girl known as Zezzalee Davy; Charlie Lewis as Benny's father; Woodrow Westenskow as Benjamin Davis, esq., a rich uncle; Exford Smith as Harold Beem, a friend of Benny; Everett Holmes as Ab Dinkler, a would be town detective; Vivian McFall as Mrs. Davis, Benny's mother; Dorothy Redman as Molly Mallerton, Benny's sweetheart; Madeline Oliver as Jeanette Blue, Uncle Ben's niece and Thea Lloyd as Oleomargarine Johnson. This is the last chance to see the seniors in action before the foot lights.

Students of Imbler High school on the honor roll the past six weeks are: Deshia Graybeall, Jacqueline Berryman, Winona Westenskow, Elton Frizzell, Woodrow Westenskow, Madeline Oliver, Theron Anderson, Harold Cole, Blanche Billings, Lynn Anderson, Bobby Huron, Max York.

Prof. Harry Johnson left Friday afternoon for Arlington accompanied by Thea Lloyd and Harold Cole who will represent Union county in the intercounty declamatory contest with Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties at Arlington Saturday, April 18.

Can a bachelor really cook? Prof. Harry Johnson, claims he can but some of the young lady teachers in the Imbler school were skeptical, so he issued invitations to the entire faculty of the school to a dinner in his bachelor apartments Wednesday evening. The teachers prepared and put away in their cupboards some sandwiches, put their favorite indigestion remedy in a handy place and accepted the invitation. And then came the dinner and the surprise of their lives. The cocktail, salad and dessert were such as any hostess would be proud and then there were noodles, chop suey and other Chinese dishes that would have received young Sam Lee's O. K. if served in the best joints of Frisco's Chinatown. Just to add a touch of color and emphasize the oriental motif three of his students who assisted in the preparation of the dinner were made up as Chinese and did the serving. Those present were: Supt. and Mrs. J. W. King, Audrey DeLap, Maurice Weis, Vergella Bond, Merle Andrew, Mrs. Gordon, W. L. Sweringen and the three boys who assisted, Lynn Anderson, George Riggs and Howard Wilson.

William Miller, of La Grande, was a business visitor in Imbler this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Strut, of La Grande, were first of the week visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Davis, of Spring Valley, Utah, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Clegg.

Mrs. Lyle Wilson and mother, Mrs. Johnson, spent Tuesday in La Grande visiting relatives.

The first and second grades dramatized four stories Wednesday in competition and Vergella Bond acted as judge. First group was an Indian story and was acted by Mary Hazen, Gladys Pratt, John Rollins, Juanita Byers. The second group was "Summer Makers." The flower chain was composed of Clara Pratt, Jane Pope, Howard Bingaman, Carl Westenskow, Irene Richeson, Wanda Tucker, Violet McMuren, Marie Osborne, Lorna Westenskow. The Dutch play was acted by Laura Lloyd, Elmer Weis, Jennie Cole, Marion Westenskow. The "Summer Makers" were adjudged the best. Each group made their own costumes.

The seventh and eighth grade baseball team played Island City's grade team on Tuesday, winning 35-7. The players on the local team are: Farrell Skillings, Charles McCoy, Lyle Crouser, Richard Wilson, Glen Pope, Charles Pope, Darwin Keenan, Elmer Perry.

The Pythian Sisters held a semi-monthly meeting Tuesday night. They are making plans for the district convention at Wallowa the latter part of May, and will put on the men's initiatory work. Mrs. Audis Golden is the most excellent chief and Mrs. Sam Knight is deputy grand chief.

DANISH FARMERS URGING BOYCOTT AGAINST AMERICA

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Danish farmers' associations are systematically attempting to keep their countrymen from buying American goods, on the ground that the United States spends less than $5,000,000 annually for Danish products, while Danes buy more than $64,000,000 worth from America.

At the same time the Anglo-Danish association, supported by many political and commercial leaders, is urging purchase of British products.

Local branches of American industries say, however, that they do not fear any ill effects, because the Danes have been thoroughly educated to the worth of imports from America.

Economic Status And Power to Be Campaign Issues

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP) — Power and the economic situation—not prohibition or party, will be the major issues in the 1932 presidential campaign, Jouett Shouse, chairman of the executive committee of the democratic national committee told Oregon Democrats yesterday.

It is "my judgment," he continued, "that the vast majority of the Democratic party is definitely in favor of the power issue and will so declare. The control of the resources of power belong to the people, and our party favors retention by the people of the natural resources—the origin of power."

The committee chairman is on the Pacific coast in the interests of party organization.

With reference to prohibition Shouse said: "I think the Democratic party will have the courage to take a definite position and that if the majority of the party is in favor of present conditions I hope it will so declare. It is my judgment, however, that the party believes some change must be made and that it will declare for some form of referendum."

The unemployment situation and recurring periods of depression, Shouse said, will be the major issues before the people, with prohibition occupying a secondary position.

Shouse will leave for Seattle tonight and from there will go directly to Washington, D. C.

The committeeman said that as he views the political situation there is a "splendid chance" of a democrat occupying the White House after March 4, 1933.

Recluse Has Bonds Worth About $7000

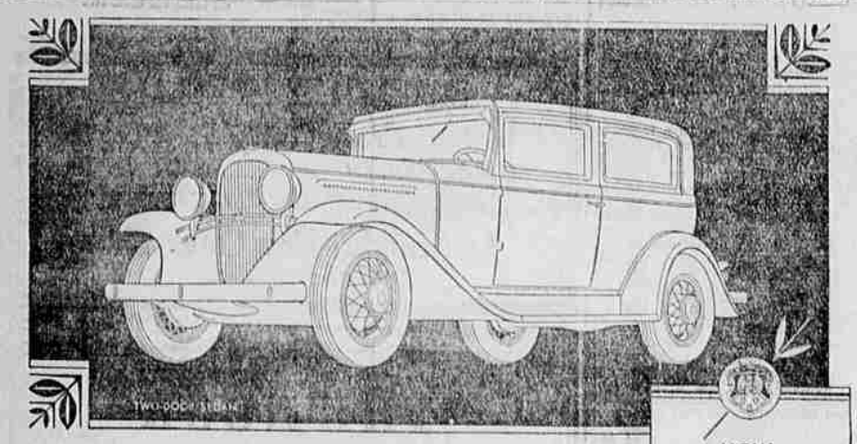
ST. HELENS, Ore., Apr. 18 (AP) — Attendants observed that when Andy Usherman, recluse, was brought to the hospital here, he held his soiled and tattered overcoat about him tightly. But he was seriously ill of pneumonia and ravaged by the illness.

But they later discovered that liberty bonds amounting to $7000, and currency in the amount of $150 were concealed in the frayed lining.

Usherman lived alone in a tiny shack near Scappoose. He was seriously ill when neighbors found him. They called a physician whom the recluse drove from the door. The neighbors themselves then took a hand and despite his protest that he must not leave his dog, his only companion, he was removed to the hospital. His condition today was improved.

NEW STATIONS FOR BERLIN

NAUEN, Germany (AP) — The frequent use of wireless telegraphy for overseas messages as well as the increase of radio picture transmission has necessitated the erection of 10 short wave sending stations and 4 short wave receiving stations. Thirteen additional auxiliary stations for the reception of wireless telegraphy and radio pictures are under construction.



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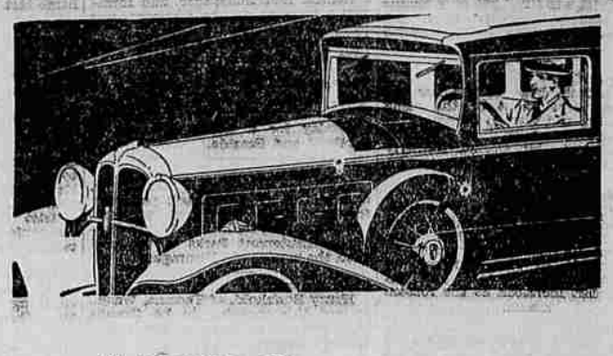

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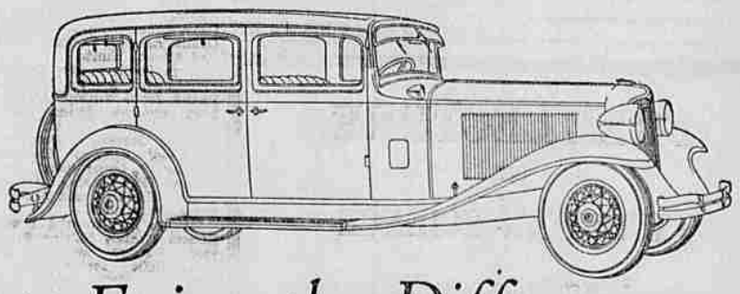

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