

AUTOMOBILE NEWS of the WEEK

CRATER LAKE RIM ROAD PROJECT UP

Bids on One Section Will Be Called For May 7 By U. S. Bureau.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25 (AP)—Bids on a section of the Crater Lake rim road will be called for May 7 by the bureau of public roads which handles construction of major projects within national parks, the bureau announced yesterday.

Six miles from the lodge around the western side of Crater Lake, the Diamond Lake junction, will be graded. The clearing of the right-of-way for this improvement was finished last year.

This is the first contemplated improvement to be made on the road around Crater Lake. While the present road is passable and is used by a great many motorists, it does not follow the rim of the lake very closely, the bureau explained. This is particularly true of a portion along the south side. The location of the new route, on account of the broken topography, does not follow the rim all the way.

The rim road does, however, bring the tourist vantage points where the beauties of the lake present themselves. Sun Notch, reached by the new south side route, is one of these points. The new location also will save several miles of travel in making the circuit of the lake.

Crater Lake is becoming increasingly popular each year, the bureau pointed out, and the past winter the road has been kept open so it was possible to open the park unofficially on April 5, Easter Sunday. Last year 51,000 cars and 157,000 visitors were registered in the park, while 38,000 cars and 128,000 visitors were registered in 1929.

Surveys Completed

Surveys have been completed for the balance of the route north to Diamond Lake and for connections down Union Creek to the Medford road and east to the Dalles-Columbia highway. Construction of the two latter sections are programmed for improvement on the forest highway system. W. H. Lynch, district engineer, will have general supervision of all improvements.

Importation Shows Decrease In Brazil

SAO PAULO (AP)—Imports of motor cars into Brazil, nearly all of which come from the United States, showed a decided falling-off in 1930. Customs figures reveal that in 1929 there were 53,928 cars brought from abroad, while last year the total was only 1,948.

Part of this decrease is explained by the fact that two American automobile companies have opened assembling plants here. The parts pay duty only as automobile accessories.

American License O. K. In France

According to a recent French government statement received by the Oregon State Motor association, all foreign tourists operating automobiles in France must pass an examination for a driver's license with the exception of Americans, who are given a license without a test, provided they have a license from one of the United States.

Eugene Man Heads U. S. Lumber Men

CHICAGO, April 25 (AP)—A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, Ore., was re-elected president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association Friday.

First Civilian Pilot

LISBON (AP)—Portugal's first civilian air pilot obtained his flying certificate. He is Joaquim Fernandes, who received his training at the Gracjo do Marques aviation school and has had 180 flying hours.

As content with life as a magician might be, he is always wanting something.

California And New York Register More Than Two Million Automobiles

M. J. GOSS TO SELL OAKLAND, PONTIAC CARS

M. J. Goss has been appointed Oakland-Pontiac dealer in this community according to announcement made today.

Retaining its established location on Adams avenue, the M. J. Goss company now will serve local motorists in the sale and servicing of the Oakland Eight and the Pontiac Six, the two cars which the Oakland Motor Car company developed for 1931.

4 to 6 Danger Time, Accident Survey Reveals

Studies in various large cities have revealed that about 50 per cent of child traffic accidents occur between 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the evening, according to a report on such a survey received by the public safety department of the Oregon State Motor association. These hours constitute the children's playtime, it was pointed out, the period when they thought off restraint and give over their time to having fun. The training which keeps them comparatively safe goes to and from school is frequently forgotten.

Traffic is also especially heavy during these hours and a considerable portion of responsibility for the safety of children at play falls upon the automobile driver. Realizing that children are often thoughtless in their play, the really careful motorist is the one who tries to do their thinking for them, states the motorist's organization.

One of the recent posters and lectures to the schools of Oregon by association public safety department dealt directly with this situation. The tendency of a child to dash suddenly into the path of traffic in pursuit of a ball, an act which figures prominently in traffic accidents to children during the spring and summer months was the subject of the lesson. It was presented in more than 1500 classrooms through the cooperation of teachers and school authorities.

NO MOVEMENT TO CUT WAGES, LAMONT SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—Secretary Lamont said Friday a canvass of the principal industries showed there was no movement to reduce wage rates.

A brief formal statement, in commerce secretary said: "I have canvassed the principal industries and I find no movement to reduce the rates of wages."

"On the contrary, there is a desire to support the situation in every way."

Department officials explained that the statement was issued in response to many inquiries about reported wage cuts.

NEW WAR PLANES TO TEST POWERS IN MIMIC COMBAT

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP)—Veritable "flying machine-gun" will play their parts in the mimic war games of the air service in the east this spring.

New type Boeing fighters equipped with fifty and 30-caliber machine guns are being flown here by army pilots. In addition to the machine guns, bombs are carried underneath the fuselage of the single-seat combat.

Ships of this type have been pulled out of a vertical power dive at 350 miles an hour and have flown in formation at 20,000 feet. Their high speed, after climbing 2000 feet a minute, is approximately 190 miles an hour.

PRINCE STUDIES FACTORIES

BUCHAREST (AP)—King Carol of Rumania has sent his younger brother, Prince Nicholas, to Paris with instructions to study closely artillery and airplane factories.

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PORTLAND, April 25 (AP)—California last year again shared with New York the distinction of being the only two states in the Union with a total motor vehicle registration in excess of two million. This is revealed by a compilation made by the Oregon State Motor association based upon reports obtained from the various states on their 1930 registration totals. These figures show the following:

California—Total, 2,099,293. This includes 1,941,989 passenger automobiles, the remainder consisting of trucks, trailers and motorcycles.

New York—Total, 2,347,011. This includes 1,926,013 passenger automobiles and the remainder various types of other motor vehicles.

In the proportion of motor vehicle registration to population, California remained far in the lead of New York and every other state as the premier motorizing state of them all. With the 1930 census showing a population of 5,877,251, California had one motor vehicle for approximately each 2.8 persons.

Oregon's Figure

Oregon's official year showed up very poorly as the official registration year of 1930 was only six months' period only (from January 1 to June 30, 1930) and the registration was only 257,174 cars, a decrease of several thousand cars from the year 1929.

Six states recorded registration totals in excess of one million vehicles each. These states were Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Massachusetts.

California's registration represented an increase of about 67,000 over the preceding year. Besides passenger automobiles the total included 83,887 pneumatic tire trucks, 15,500 solid tire trucks, 38,999 pneumatic tire trailers, 9,563 solid tire trailers, and 9,405 motorcycles.

Statistics reported by the United States department of agriculture for the 48 states and the District of Columbia show that the total registration of passenger motor vehicles and motor trucks for the year amounted to 26,523,779, as compared with 25,501,433 for 1929.

The motor association compilation by states gives the following:

State	Autos and Trucks
Alabama	283,790
Arkansas	321,685
Arizona	123,411
California	2,099,293
Colorado	308,509
Connecticut	346,845
Delaware	50,058
District of Columbia	171,888
Florida	335,000
Georgia	341,177
Illinois	1,638,290
Indiana	120,175
Iowa	874,411
Kansas	785,344
Kentucky	594,623
Louisiana	327,485
Maine	300,000
Maryland	183,062
Massachusetts	315,043
Michigan	1,018,810
Minnesota	1,330,582
Mississippi	732,714
Montana	135,168

Missouri	152,213
Nebraska	761,600
Nevada	424,023
New Hampshire	29,945
New Mexico	111,553
New Jersey	85,700
New York	2,347,011
North Carolina	474,081
North Dakota	162,585
Oregon	257,174
Ohio	1,885,060
Oklahoma	639,365
Pennsylvania	1,780,819
Rhode Island	136,272
South Carolina	304,305
South Dakota	305,408
Tennessee	132,164
Texas	787,559
Utah	113,992
Vermont	86,486
Virginia	373,422
Washington	136,272
West Virginia	462,588
Wisconsin	268,387
Wyoming	61,478

Reporters Swarm At Fokker's Home Due to Byrd Talk

NEW YORK, April 25 (AP)—The Riverside Drive apartment of Anthony H. G. Fokker, "The Flying Dutchman," as he calls himself in his autobiography just published, swarmed Friday with reporters, all seeking from his own lips some further words from the airplane maker amplifying his comment on Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Fokker's book, written in collaboration with Bruce Gould, criticized Byrd's technique in his trans-Atlantic flight, and praised the skill of Bernt Balchen both as a pilot and navigator

New 1,950-Mile Highway Mapped Linking Scenic Spots In 5 States

WASHINGTON (AP)—A "highway of highways," combined into a rough figure eight from Kentucky to the Atlantic, is planned to join three great proposed national parks of the east. Linking the proposed Mammoth cave, Great Smoky mountain, Shenandoah national parks and historic sites of the east, the highway has been laid out over five states for a total of 1,950 miles.

Following established highways, the system is improved for all but 75 miles of the distance, most of which is under construction.

Route Laid Out

Agreement on the route, with alternative loops for motorists not making the entire circuit, was reached at a recent conference of federal and state officials and civic organizations called by Representative M. H. Thatcher of Kentucky. A permanent association was formed to promote the highway's formal creation.

Representatives of the association will meet with state officials for their approval of the individual part of each in closing existing gaps and marking the route with signs.

Adopted in its entirety, the eastern national park-to-park highway will be presented to Director Albright of the national park service for designation on official park maps.

Offers Alternative Routes

The highway has been so routed as to enable motorists to cover the east's family of proposed national parks and historic sites, ranging from Lincoln's birthplace in the mid-west to Washington's in the east, in a tour of from 10 days to three weeks.

As laid out, the highway runs from the Mammoth cave in Kentucky into Tennessee and the proposed Great Smoky mountain national park, branching in the Smoky region so that one way leads into North Carolina.

The branches join at Wytineville, Va., running to Natural Bridge for the main juncture of the rough figure eight. Eastward the trail runs to

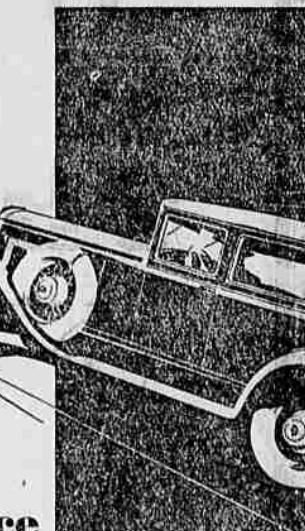
Richmond, where it again loops to go direct to Washington or to include Lee Hall and Yorktown.

Northward from Natural Bridge, the trail leads to Staunton, where a loop is formed giving the motorist the choice of skirting the lower edge of the proposed Shenandoah national park or passing directly across it by way of the Luray caverns.

This loop joins at Warrenton, Va., for a single trail to Washington. Retracing the trail along the north, the highway runs from Lexington, Va., along the Midland trail and route of the pioneer Daniel Boone to Huntington, W. Va., and back to Mammoth cave by way of Louisville, Ky.



Map shows the route of the projected eastern national park-to-park highway as mapped at a recent conference of federal and state officials. Representative M. H. Thatcher of Kentucky (below) is president of the association pushing the program.



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on some of Byrd's most famous flights. Byrd so far has declined to comment on the book.

The book said Byrd might have flown to Paris ahead of the "unscientific Lindbergh" if he had not delayed what Fokker regarded as an unnecessarily long time.

Bernt Balchen took over both navigation and piloting when they reached France," Fokker wrote, "and brought the ship over Paris in a dense fog. He saw one or two flashes of a beacon, but lost them immediately and realized it was impossible

to find Le Bourget or attempt a landing. Byrd seemed confused and entirely lost. Bert Accata was a physical wreck. Noville, by damaging his radio, had destroyed his sole usefulness.

"Through the black night, whipped by storms, Balchen steered resolutely back to the coast. He communicated with Byrd by notes," Balchen's comment on Fokker's description of the flight was, "I don't know where Tony got all his information. When I asked him, he just grinned at me. But till Australia's search for petroleum will soon be rewarded."

AUSTRALIANS TO PROSPECT FOR OIL FROM AIRPLANE

CANBERRA (AP)—Because discovery of oil in commercial quantities in Australia would solve some economic difficulties in this country, the Royal Australian air force is to make an aerial photographic survey of likely oil-bearing country.

Dr. Woolnough, geological adviser to the federal government, believes Australia's search for petroleum will soon be rewarded.

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