

Contracts on 17 Projects To Be Let by Highway Commission Soon

SALEM, June 8 (AP) — Contracts on 17 projects amounting to more than half million dollars, will be awarded by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland June 23. It was announced by the highway department here. Unless federal unemployment relief is granted, this will be the last large lot of road projects to be started this year, although a few contracts will be awarded in July. H. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said.

The highway commission will hold a regular session in Portland today, but no road contracts will be let at the meeting this week. Secondary highway matters will occupy the major portion of the time of the commission the advance programs indicated.

Bids will be opened on the following projects June 23:

Paving, bituminous macadam, oiling, rock surfacing and grading contracts:

Douglas county—Scottsburg-Paradise creek section of Umpqua highway, 11.05 miles screened gravel surfacing.

Klamath county—Terminal City-Klamath Falls section of The Dalles-California highway, 1.72 miles of concrete pavement and 32 miles of crushed rock surfacing.

Lane county—Cheshire-Prairie road section of Siuslaw highway, 4.02 miles of grading.

Lincoln and Tillamook counties—Involving the construction of 2 miles of bituminous macadam and the application of 19.5 miles of oil mat surface treatment. Work is in three units in the vicinity of Hebo and Otis.

Linn, Benton and Polk counties—Involving macadam project No. 12.

Building and tunnel lining contracts include:

Klamath county—Construction of corrugated iron maintenance storage building, 26 ft. by 240 ft., at Klamath Falls.

Multnomah county—Bellevue tunnel at Onion creek on the Columbia river highway, about 2 1/2 miles east of Multnomah Falls.

Chats With Parents

TALKING TOO MUCH

By Alice Jackson Fraile

"Mother make me tired." The little girl who said this sighed. She was not being impudent, she was stating a fact.

Her mother did make her tired, very tired. For from morning until night she talked.

Requests, commands, warnings, suggestions and just conversation rained down upon the child as long as she was within earshot, and her mother seldom permitted her to stay beyond it.

The amount of talking which some grownups find necessary is entirely superfluous for the young child. He has so much to learn, so much to do—while he is learning and doing he has no spare energy to devote to talk.

He wants to do things in his own time and in his own way. Mother's constant "help," her supervision, her conversational accompaniment to his play are irritating and fatiguing.

Long before the day is over he is nervously exhausted from the strain of listening, of having to adjust himself continually to her wishes instead of following his own independent path.

The little girl who meekly stated that mother made her tired is unusual. Most young children do not put such ideas into words. They react instead. They throw tantrums, they whine, they are peevish and irritable.

More than anything else children require in the grownups about them quietness and a cheerful serenity. Children need grownups for a refuge and comfort in time of trouble, for occasional approval and for very occasional help. Otherwise they should not be much aware of them.

The continuous impact of the personality of the adult is likely to be overwhelming for the child. He is not yet able to stand up against it without effort. It makes him tired.

He planned to remain here for a short time, however, he said, in order

to recuperate from the effects of the hardships he suffered during his captivity.

"I was threatened with death 50 times," he said. "I never expected to survive. These half-civilized, treacherous, inhuman bandits, who call themselves communists, are conducting a wholesale kidnapping business. Their victims are any foreigners or wealthy Chinese they can lay their hands on who, they believe, would be capable of paying huge ransoms."

During the entire five months his food consisted only of half-cooked rice, and fish twice a day, he said. "It was filthy," he said, "but I ate it occasionally. I refused to drink the water they offered me, however, until it was boiled. I slept in mud huts on bare boards beside the outlaws."

Although he was frequently threatened with execution, because the ransom demand of 50,000 Mexican dollars was not met, he was mistreated physically only once.

"Then I was chained and beaten," he said, "apparently because a newly-arrived chief wished to impress his followers."

Captain Baker told a tale of widespread lawlessness over an area beginning a short distance from Hankow and extending 200 miles along the north bank of the Yangtze.

"This vast area consists of the so-called Chinese communist government," he said, "which is made up of outlaws such as held me. They hold the whole country in an iron grip, terrorizing the peasants and bleeding them of every possible cent, in addition to carrying on wholesale kidnapping."

Baker showed the effects of his experience. He lost 30 pounds in the five months and arrived here in clothing borrowed from friends at Hankow. All his possessions were gone.

"Mr. Rockefeller's statement that drinking has increased under prohibition is without foundation," the union's statement said.

It declared prohibition has saved more lives than were lost by the United States during the World War because alcoholic diseases have been greatly reduced, and that the ban on liquor has decreased drinking, reduced poverty, improved the lot of school children and helped industry by giving it "a sober army of producers."

"Mr. Rockefeller should realize," the statement said, "that when the 18th amendment was ratified the liquor interests threatened to organize a nationwide disobedience of the prohibition laws. Much of the present law observance and nullification is the result of that threat."

"Presents" Thrown Away
A tribe of Indians on the Alaskan coast have an odd way of paying compliments. When a distinguished visitor appears he is invited to a feast, after which the tribal chief goes to the edge of the cliff and solemnly casts into the sea as many of his possessions as he thinks he can afford. This is held to be the highest form of compliment, and much superior to merely giving presents to the guest.

Distinct Species.
Rats and mice are two distinct types of rodents and are not different in size of the same individual species. True mice belong to the genus Mus; true rats to the genus Rattus.

And Probably, Win
A Michigan professor asserts that only the mentally capable should be permitted to vote, but the other kind, of course, will continue to run for office.—Dayton Daily News.

Crusoe's Island
The scene of Robinson Crusoe's exile is one of the Juan Fernandez Islands, which are in the South Pacific, about 400 miles due west of the coast of Central Chile.

Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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