

Highway Officials Inspect Lane Co. Projects Monday

Reviewing the current status of Oregon's three-year postwar federal aid highway construction program, with special reference to projects now under contract, Oregon State Highway Commission members and State Highway Department key officials inspected Lane county projects Monday as a part of a general inspection tour.

Other sections not covered in the present tour will be visited during September.

Accompanying the group are Public Roads Administration engineers who must approve state highway plans and specifications for federal aid projects.

The present trip supplements an inspection of the state highway system by the Commission in 1943 when plans were laid for a 36 million dollar postwar construction improvement and maintenance program. Final selection of projects took into consideration recommendations of county courts, city governments, chambers of commerce, other civic groups and interested citizens, pointing toward maximum benefit of counties and communities as a whole and yet best fitting the needs of each.

The statewide program is financed through federal and state funds in the proportion of 60 per cent federal funds and 40 per cent state funds. Federal moneys were made available through congressional legislation known as the 1944 road act. It allocates \$7,100,000 each year for three years for Oregon highway projects, supplemented by \$4,900,000 of state highway funds each year, or \$12,000,000 annually for a grand total of \$36,000,000.

This figure will be augmented by \$12,000,000 additional federal funds recently apportioned to Oregon for expenditure within the same period of which \$5,324,000 has now been allocated for construction of forest highways within the state. All forest highways are contracted and constructed under the immediate supervision of the Public Roads Administration. The Commission also recently allocated an additional \$5,000,000 of state funds for highway construction. These figures reveal that Oregon now has approximately \$33,000,000 available for the three-year program.

Some of the projects, authorized in the different counties, are under construction and others are ready for letting of contracts this year or next year. The first postwar year, insofar as the highway program is concerned, ended June 30, 1946.

Beginning its present inspection tour August 19, the State Highway Commission party is visiting western, central and eastern Oregon sections to check on construction underway as a result of contracts already let and to view projects which have been authorized as a part of the three-year plan to bring state highways up to standards retarded by World War II.

The Commission has as one of its major objectives completion of highway sections upon which work had been started earlier so that past investments on these sections can be placed to the earliest possible use.

During the 1943 inspection tour, county courts, city councils and chambers of commerce in a number of instances, favored construction of roads outside their immediate areas to facilitate completion of routes which would shorten distances to market. These recommendations were carefully considered by the Commission.

War time conditions permitted only the most essential maintenance of Oregon's far flung highways, which in Lane county today were inspected from maintenance standpoints, taking into consideration present heavy usage and needs of steadily increasing traffic. Although highway maintenance has

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MISS PETTYJOHN, ASST. HOME DEMONSTRATION AGT.

The appointment of Miss Maxine Pettyjohn, Marfa, Texas, as assistant home demonstration agent has been announced by Miss Nellie C. Lyle, Lane county home demonstration agent. Miss Pettyjohn has already arrived in Eugene and assumed her new duties.

Miss Pettyjohn is a graduate of the home economics department of Suboss State Teachers' College at Alpine, Texas. Prior to her appointment as assistant home demonstration agent, Miss Pettyjohn was a home economics teacher at Del Rio, Texas high school.

Former assistant home demonstration agent was Miss Patricia Smith who resigned last June. Miss Smith had served in Lane county on a part time basis, spending two months in Lane county and the next two months in Douglas county. Miss Pettyjohn has received a full time appointment, Miss Lyle said.

PRAGER OPENS IN NEW QUARTERS

The Prager Furniture and Hardware store opened last week in new quarters at 716 Main street, after being closed for several weeks while the new building was under construction. The interior of the new store building is being redecorated and furnished as rapidly as materials are available.

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FFA Fair to Be Held With Lane Co. Fair Sept. 25 to 28

Future Farmers of America will again hold their annual Lane County F. F. A. fair in connection with the all-county fair scheduled for Sept. 25-28 at the fairgrounds in Eugene.

An increase in divisions to allow for more representation of projects has been announced, and divisions will include swine, beef, sheep, dairy, poultry, rabbits, vegetables, field crops, and farm shop. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor, and must be part of his Vocational Agriculture project. Each entry will be automatically entered in the open division as well as the F. F. A. division (in classes where it will qualify), and must abide by the rules and regulations set up for the general exhibition. There will be a special livestock judging contest open to all F. F. A. chapters in the state, with the R. A. Babb judging cup to be presented the winning team. In the past this cup has been won by Amity in 1938, Canby in 1939, and Eugene in 1941.

Premium lists may be obtained from Vocational Agriculture instructors. They are Ernest Clark, Cottage Grove; Joe McClure, Junction City; and Cloyd Makinson, Eugene.

So. Pacific Strike Is Off Indefinitely

WASHINGTON — The National Mediation Board said Friday President A. F. Whitney of the railway trainmen, has authorized an indefinite postponement of a strike of 8,000 Southern Pacific employees scheduled for 6 p. m. August 21.

Whitney ordered the postponement a board official told reporters pending efforts to settle a dispute between the brotherhood and company through mediation under the railway labor act.

The brotherhood has charged the railroad with violating working agreements covering classes of employees it represents.

William F. Mitchell, a board mediator, last week was in San Francisco conferring with the parties to the dispute.

FAREWELL PICNIC FOR HARDY

The Rev. and Mrs. George Hardy were the guests of honor at a picnic and barbecue supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andresson at Leona Friday evening. About 40 members of the First Baptist church here attended. The Rev. and Mrs. Hardy were presented with a lovely gift following the supper.

The Rev. Hardy, recently called as pastor of the Highland Baptist church of Portland will move his family to that city as soon as living quarters can be obtained.

NEW ERA, SWEET HOME WEEKLY PAPER, SOLD

The sale of the New Era, Sweet Home weekly newspaper, to Arthur Macoubrie, former Register-Guard composing room employee, and William Dudley of the University Press was announced this week by John T. Russell, editor and publisher of the newspaper for the last 15 years.

The new owners took possession August 12th. Russell is retiring after spending most of his life in the newspaper business.

Lloyd Whetham Barn Is Destroyed by Fire Tuesday

Fire destroyed a barn full of hay at the Lloyd Whetham residence on Thornton lane Tuesday near noon. Firemen called to the blaze, said it was probably due to spontaneous combustion as Mr. Whetham has recently put his hay crop in the barn. It was not learned whether the loss was covered by insurance. The fire truck responded to the call, but was hampered by lack of water.

Later it was learned that the fire started in the chicken house, where several rabbits and chickens were destroyed and spread to the barn. The fire also threatened a neighbor's barn, but was held in check.

Commenting on the number of calls the city fire truck has answered in the past two months, Don Allen, fire chief said the fires occurring in the rural section adjacent to the town limits outnumbered those occurring in the city.

E C Hall Co. Grease Truck Explodes; Driver Is Unhurt

A grease truck on the job for the E. C. Hall Co. at the Dorena dam exploded August 13th, but the driver, Donald D. Ware, was fortunate enough to escape. The truck containing greases, diesel fuel and gasoline together with some tools exploded with a bang while on the job, stunning the driver, who apparently thought it was some sort of back fire. Ware kept his seat in the truck until he saw flames coming around the truck cab and then took to the bushes just before the truck was consumed in flames.

Company officials were unable to assign any cause for the explosion.

City Water Supply Dangerously Low

The city water supply is dangerously low, L. W. Coiner, city engineer said today and all irrigation within the city limit will be stopped until Monday. Water users will be notified this afternoon to stop all irrigation until the 26th by order of the city water committee.

The continued dry weather has caused a serious drain on the water system and water is being used faster than it is flowing into the reservoir.

Leave Forms to Be Available Soon

Unused leave forms for veterans received in this community thru the local VFW Post 3473 have been distributed and a new supply for the use of local veterans will be available in a few days. These forms for some unaccountable reason have been simplified to a surprising extent. To date approximately 150 veterans in this vicinity have taken advantage of the opportunity to file for their unused leave allowance. As soon as more forms are received they will be available at the local U. S. Employment office for any eligible veterans. If assistance is required in completion of these forms, Mrs. Bird will be glad to give any aid possible. If the need arises, for the assistance of veterans who are unable to come to the office during the day, the office will be held open during evening hours.

Hundreds View Pageant, "Parade of Chieftains" at Horn Grove 17 and 18

Several hundred persons were at Horn's grove last Saturday and Sunday evenings to enjoy the beauty and learn something of conservation from R. S. Drenner's pageant, "Parade of the Chieftains" staged for the benefit of the local Rod and Gun club treasury.

The pageant was a thing of beauty in a natural amphitheater and any who missed seeing it should start now to plan for next year. The forest theater could have been a replica of the "Shores of Etche Gume" of Hiawatha fame, having in the foreground a lake of "clear and sunny water" edged by little fir and pine trees. In this pool of water were huge green lily pads looking very natural except for their extreme size. As the program progressed these lily pads gradually bent over, to reveal lovely pond lilies of varying colors which also blossomed before the eyes of the interested crowd. Clever lighting effects combined with ingenious mechanics really acted as a magic carpet which whisked the audience to the days when Indian chiefs ruled in America, and they taught their people to care for the things of nature.

Robert Drenner, artist, fisherman, and lover of nature, read his script for the pageant. The nights were perfect for an outdoor production, and as the story proceeded, with spotlight first on the Indian tepee and weavers, then on ducks, geese, deer, and bear; then on the stately Indian chiefs here and there in the panorama, one

Motor Vehicle Registration in State Is 423,000

Record motor car registrations marked the first half of this year in Oregon. 423,000 vehicles were licensed with fees adding to \$3.3 million, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State.

The number of vehicles has swelled seven per cent over last year. The great bulk—336,000—are passenger cars, with trucks and light deliveries totaling 90,000. Of the rest 3,000 were motorcycles and 1300 busses. Every classification showed gains.

"The tremendous mileage piled up by this record number of vehicles," said Farrell, "explains how the death rate in Oregon is falling although the actual toll in numbers is increasing."

In view of the increasing shift of fatalities to rural areas, motorists and pedestrians were urged to exercise more caution on intercity highways and main-traveled roads. The first half of this year over 70 per cent of Oregon's traffic deaths took place outside towns or cities.

MRS. BARRY RITES AT SALEM

Rev. L. H. Sohler of the Catholic church took part in the ceremonies of the solemn requiem mass and funeral services at St. Vincent de Paul church, Salem, Friday, August 16th, for Mrs. Catherine Barry, mother of Mrs. Larry Macklin of Cottage Grove. Another daughter, Mrs. Catherine Sangster, lived here until recently.

On Thursday, August 15th, Father Sohler attended the religious reception and profession ceremonies at St. Mary's Convent, Beaverton. Two of his cousins were received as members of the religious community.

Row River Bridge Closed to Traffic Beginning Aug. 23

The Row River bridge, better known as the steel bridge two miles east of town will be closed to travel beginning Friday August 23rd, P. M. Morse, county engineer announced here Tuesday. Mr. Morse said a detour would be provided close to the bridge to be used until high water, but the most comfortable travel would be to go up Mosby Creek to the Curran bridge. The bridge, closed to heavy traffic for several days, will be closed to all traffic for about six weeks until repairs are made.

The county court issued the closing order after the west pier became too weak for safe travel.

Putnam Now Head of Lunch Program

Federal assistance to school lunch programs in Oregon, formerly available through the Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, now will be paid to schools for food and equipment purchases through the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at Salem.

Transfer of the program was announced by E. Harvey Miller, state PMA director, following the completion of an agreement with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, for operation in Oregon of the permanent school lunch program authorized this year by Congress.

Requests for participation in the program now will be directed to Putnam at Salem, who will handle the program for both public and non-profit private schools. The PMA office will continue its interest in helping schools meet minimum requirements, Miller said, and will make administrative reviews and audits of operating programs, and continue to donate agricultural commodities for distribution to school lunch programs.

DRAIN TO PURCHASE POWER FROM BONNEVILLE

The city of Drain will purchase all electric power to fill its requirements under terms of a 20-year contract signed with the Bonneville Power Administration August 6, it has been announced. The new contract replaces an agreement executed by the city and Bonneville October 1, 1942.

The city will buy all its power under the old sale rate schedule E-3; demand charge is 75 cents net per kilowatt of billing demand; energy charge is two mills net per kilowatt hour for the first 200 kilowatt hours per kilowatt of billing demand; and each additional kilowatt hour will cost one mill net.

4-H CLUBBERS CAN SHOW IN SEVERAL PLACES

Lane county 4-H clubbers who have up to date summer projects or who have completed their projects may exhibit them at the State Fair at Salem September 2 to 7, according to E. A. Danielson, county club agent. Exhibits should be brought to the 4-H club grounds in Eugene and those wishing to exhibit livestock should contact the 4-H club office at once.

Clubbers are also eligible to exhibit at the 4-H club fair at Eugene, August 23 and 24. South Lane fair here September 14 and Lane county fair, September 25-26, 27, and 28.

Dorena Grange Has Memorial Services For Eldon Steele

Memorial services were held for Eldon Steele at the regular meeting of the grange August 15th at the Row River club hall. Those taking part in the service were Mrs. Minnie Wagner, chaplain; Shirley Arne, cures; Philip Lake, asst. steward and Esther Stratton, lady assistant steward. Special music was furnished by a mixed quartet.

The agriculture committee report was given by Esther Stratton and the fertilizer shortage, school lunch program and fair plans were discussed.

H. E. C. report was given by Mrs. John Read, chairman. A quilt and bedspread display is announced for the next regular grange meeting at the hall and each lady is asked to bring her most prized quilt or spread for display. Next H. E. C. meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Read the first Tuesday in September. Next serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wicks, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Pauline Tucker. A dozen quart jars were donated by Mrs. Frank Bradford for use in canning for the coming fairs.

Canned fruits and vegetables and produce for display at the So. Lane fair may be left with Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Leslie Wicks, Mary Arne or Mrs. Ed Sherrill.

Plans for the Blue Cross hospitalization campaign were discussed and Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Bob Walls and Mrs. John Read were appointed as a membership committee. The grange voted to drop their part as sponsor for the community center rest room in Cottage Grove as they see no reason for having to maintain their own rest rooms while shopping in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Ed Decker, Mrs. Brumfield, and Mrs. Peterson were reported ill.

Roy Nelson was elected steward for the remainder of the year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Eldon Steele.

The lecture program was made up of group singing and the lecturer asked all ladies to bring scraps of print or rayon or scissors to the next meeting.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Mrs. Wagner who entertained the grange at her home on their regular meeting date August 1st.

A box social and free entertainment is being planned by a committee consisting of Mrs. Ed Sherrill, Mary Arne, Esther Stratton and Joy Hayworth to be given early in November the exact date to be announced later. A fine program is being planned.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Esther Stratton, reporter.

Malting Barley Contest Open to Lane Co. Farmers

A special malting barley contest at the land products division of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition is available to Lane County farmers, announces O. S. Fletcher, county agent.

The competition will include separate divisions for two-row barley and four-row barley. Each carries a first prize of \$250 and a second prize of \$100. Therefore, Lane County growers can compete in this contest for a total of \$700.

Any grower who has 20 acres of barley can enter the contest. Each exhibit must be a full 100-pound sack, and the county Agricultural Conservation Association committee must certify that the sack in question came from a field of 20 acres or more. Each prospective contestant should get in touch with the local AAA office before threshing time. Entries should be double sacked and should be sent by express or delivered in person to the Pacific International in Portland at least 3 days before the opening date, which is October 6.

E. R. Jackman, crops specialist on the state college extension staff, says "These premiums are large enough to pay anyone's time. Oregon is becoming noted as the producer of some of the best malting barley to be found anywhere. Some of our best malting varieties are Hanchon, Wisconsin 38, Utah Winter, and Atlas." Jackman emphasizes that for malting purposes the barley must not be cracked in threshing. Some otherwise excellent malting lots sometimes are ruined by threshing so closely that the kernels are skinned or cracked.

Full City Ticket to Appear on the November Ballot

A full city ticket will appear on the November ballot with exception of a councilman from ward 2. It was learned here Monday a few hours before the deadline for filing for a city office expired.

Last minute developments in completing the city ballot included the filing of the name of Kenneth Hickok as councilman from ward 2. Hickok agreed to permit his name to appear on the ballot, it was understood. Hickok succeeds George Matthews, who declined to accept another term as councilman for this district.

Petitions were filed with the city recorder Saturday. Petitions were circulated by friends of the office holder, however one citizen, Cecil Beck of Beckenstein's Emporium refused to accept the candidacy for councilman after a petition was started in his behalf. Beck evidently went on the theory that being on the school board and a few other things was enough public service at one time. Residents of ward 2 will have to conduct a write-in campaign, if a councilman is elected to serve replacing Geo. Matthews, who declined to let his name appear on the ballot.

The following officers will appear on the city ballot: For mayor, Dr. H. A. Hagen; for city treasurer, Pat Rice; for councilman of ward 1, Bill Thum; for councilman of ward 3, Clint Oumpugh; for city recorder, Don Allen; for councilman of ward 2, Kenneth Hickok.

Knickerbocker's Win District Crown To Enter State Play

Knickerbocker's softball nine won the district championship from Roseburg here Tuesday evening, beating the Rainbows of Roseburg 5 to 4 to take the lead in the three game series and win the right to represent the district in the state tournament starting at Oregon City Sunday. Knickerbocker's took the first game of the district play off here Friday evening 6 to 4 and lost the second at Roseburg Monday 1 to 4.

The final game here was forced into an extra inning to tie the score in the 6th inning at 4 all. From the time the game started until finished in the eighth there never was more than one score difference between the opposing teams.

L. Baker, Roseburg third baseman, started the scoring when he rapped one of Hocker's fast pitches out of the park for a home run. Singles by Elfving and Lusk put two local men on bases in the last of the first inning and Wicks with two down doubled to drive in two runs, giving Knicks a two to one edge. Roseburg came back to tie the score in the fourth inning when Baughman singled, went to second on a pass ball and scored on a double by Glenz.

Knicks went out in front again when Wicks drew a walk, advanced on a wild pitch and scored on an infield play. The next inning Sharpo walked. Baughman, Debernardi and Hill singled to put Roseburg out in front again by one run.

Elfving led on with a hit in the eighth after Lusk hit a hard one and Wicks came through with another double to put Knicks ahead again and win the district crown.

Quality Market and the Eagles nine were runners up for high honors in the league. These two teams will meet again Friday evening. The softball season will officially end Monday night, it was understood here today.

Local fans can see ball games at Kelly Field Thursday, Friday and Monday nights as the local league winds up their schedule. Doubleheaders will be played on the nights listed above, according to Tom Cox.

The local association is contemplating some kind of a playoff with either an All Star team meeting Knickerbockers or a playoff involving the top four teams of the season. More information on this will be announced later.

High School Opens on September 9th

Cottage Grove Union High School will open Monday, September 9, with the prospect of having the largest enrollment in the history of the school as predicted by school authorities.

Advance registration will be held during the week preceding the opening so that students may receive their class schedules, pay book fees, and obtain their lockers.

All Freshmen are required by school law to have a physical examination. It is urged that students go to their family physician and be examined before the opening of school. Uniform blanks are being used throughout the state for recording the results of these physical examinations.

New York and Pennsylvania produce over two-thirds of the buckwheat grown in the United States.

Five Winners In The First Baby Contest



The five winners pictured above were chosen by popular vote from among 150 entries in the first annual baby contest sponsored by the Clark Studio in the Western Auto Supply building. Voting was close in many instances.

First prize went to Linda McGarvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale McGarvin of 1142 Ash Ave.

Second prize went to Susan Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sears of Delight Valley.

Third prize went to Nan Marie Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeman of Culp Creek.

Fourth prize went to Darline Attridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Attridge.

Fifth prize went to Mike Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Clark of Villard court.