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Oregon Coast Hiway for 1932; Great Work Near Completion

Salem, Ore., Sept. 8.—Early next summer will see the first travel over the entire stretch of Oregon's newest north and south cross-state route—the Coast highway—construction of which was started more than 12 years ago and upon which nearly \$16,000,000 will have been spent. The entire 405 miles of the highway will be completely surfaced a few months later, so that late in 1932 there will be no traffic obstacles on the scenic highway which skirts the Pacific ocean most of the way from the California line to the Columbia river.

Grading contracts on the two remaining links of the highway, between Berry Creek north to the Lincoln county line in Lane county, a distance of 13 miles, and between Gardner and Glenada in Douglas and Lane counties, a stretch of four miles were recently let, completing the pioneering work of the highway.

Name Changed
With the completion of the Oregon coast highway, the name of which was changed by the last legislature from the Roosevelt highway, the state will have another scenic route to present to tourists, comparable to the best in the world, in the opinion of the state highway commission. The route will be connected with the Pacific highway by nine roads ranging in distance from 60 to more than 100 miles. In addition, a tenth route will be constructed as a shortcut from Portland to the sea, consideration of which is now occupying the attention of the highway commission.

The southern extremity of the highway connects with the California Redwood highway. From the state line north to Gold Beach, a distance of about 44 miles, the highway is of oiled macadam, which continues 12 miles further.

Has Rock Surface
From this point for a distance of 17 miles to Port Orford, the highway has a rock surface. Widening and straightening of this stretch is being completed prior to the application of oil.

One of the major achievements of the highway commission during the past year will be observed at Gold Beach, where the \$600,000 concrete bridge across the Rogue river, is under construction and will be completed by the end of this year. The structure of seven spans is attracting national attention by its beauty and type of construction, and is rated as the most beautiful bridge in the state. Pouring of concrete for the arches is now in progress.

The bridge will replace the ferry at this point, and State Highway Engineer Roy Klein says the construction itself will attract many tourists along the coast route.

Ceremonies Planned
Dedication ceremonies are to be arranged upon the completion of the structure, which was started almost a year ago. Following the highway north from Port Orford, the route is oiled through the remainder of Curry county into Coos county to Coquille. From Coquille to North Bend, through Marshfield, the highway is paved. Improvements of ferry slips out of North Bend has resulted in 20-minute service across Coos Bay at that point with a free ferry capable of carrying 34 cars.

From North Bend to Gardiner, through Reedsport, into Douglas county, the highway is in good condition. A toll ferry is operated at Gardiner, which will be taken over by the state upon the completion of the route and operated as a free ferry, Klein announced.

Under Contract
The four miles stretch north of Gardiner from the Lake Tachketch outlet to the Lane county line is under a grading contract by the United States forest service and will be completed by the end of this year. A fine concrete bridge across the outlet has just been completed and will be ready for use upon completion of the grading work.

It is between Gardiner and Waldport where most of the work the past year has been done, connecting the north and south stretches of the highway which were completed first. A contract was recently awarded for surfacing the section between Gardiner and Glenada, including the grading stretch, for a distance of 20 miles, and delivery of rock has already

Free Ferry Planned
A toll ferry is being operated across the Siuslaw river in Lane county between Glenada and Florence, which Klein says will also be taken over later to be operated as a free ferry. From Florence to Berry Creek, a distance of 10 miles, a surfacing contract is under way which will be completed by the end of November.

The last link of the highway from this point to the Lincoln county line was awarded recently for grading under three contracts. This route, a distance of 13 miles, includes a 600-foot tunnel through a point opposite Heceta lighthouse. Several large bridges also are under construction on this difficult stretch, including a 600-foot span over Cape creek. This bridge will be 140 feet high. Contract for surfacing this stretch will be let early next spring.

The highway from the Lincoln county line to Yachats is rock surfaced, while from Yachats to Waldport it is of oiled macadam. A rock surfaced highway has just been completed between Waldport and Newport, which will be oiled next summer. Along this route the state is furnishing free ferry service over Alesia bay and Yaquina bay.

From Newport to the Siletz river the highway is oiled, from which point north for a distance of 12 miles the route is now cut up under a widening and straightening contract. This rough stretch ends at Otis. The road here will be resurfaced next summer. From Otis north to Astoria, through Tillamook and Clatsop counties, the highway is either oiled or paved with the exception of a small stretch just north of Tillamook where three concrete bridges are being constructed in addition to a major project over Wilson river. The old route is in good condition however and is being used.

Nine Connecting Roads
The nine routes, now connecting this highway with the main Pacific highway are all in good condition and open to travel. In the south, the Redwood highway from Crescent City in California connects at Grants Pass. Other connections include the Coquille-Dillard highway, the road from Reedsport to Drain, from Florence to Junction City, from Waldport to Corvallis, from Newport to Corvallis, from Otis to McMinnville, from Hebo to McMinnville and the Columbia river route from Astoria to Portland.

The highway, which traverses seven of the state's 36 counties, was first started in 1919, the first work being done around Marshfield and Tillamook. About \$13,500,000 has already been spent on the highway and it is estimated that more than \$2,000,000 more remains to be expended before the completion next year.

Of the money spent on the road, the state paid or will pay the largest share, or about \$10,300,000. The federal government has spent about \$3,700,000 while the various counties contributed about \$2,000,000.

Roseburg Wins
Tuesday Roseburg won the hard fought battle for the location of the national soldiers home in that city. Congressman Hawley demonstrated his great political strength and his standing with the administration forces. Eugene accepted the verdict with good grace and sent a congratulatory telegram to her victorious rival. The act provides for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 for the home, but indications are that about \$1,000,000 will be spent at Roseburg and the balance utilized for "home" purposes in various hospitals throughout the northwest. Roseburg donated the site for the new home to the Federal Government.

Deep Sea Fishing Good
Last week for three days the fishing fleet operating out of the local harbor enjoyed excellent fishing. The catch daily running around 4000 pounds Pearl Purdin brought in a 7-foot shark, weighing 250 pounds, he killed while fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Smith and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson Sunday and enjoyed dinner in honor of Mr. Johnson's birthday.



CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY

Congressman Willis C. Hawley of this district is spending the day in Port Orford renewing acquaintances and inspecting the proposed improvement of the natural deep water harbor as a harbor of refuge, and the status of the new coast guard station authorized by the recent Congress to be established on the local harbor at a cost of \$83,500.

This veteran Congressman needs no introduction to the public as his long and valuable service to the First District in Congress have placed him among the foremost legislators of the nation, and with his chairmanship of the powerful Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives his contact with national affairs places him prominently in the public eye and gives him a prestige that is hard to battle against. This was demonstrated in the location of the Soldiers Home matter at Roseburg last week. Mr. Hawley gave his promise to Roseburg early, as Roseburg was the initial backer of the movement, and he consistently kept that promise through thick and thin. This is characteristic of the man and accounts for the high place he has won for himself and for his state in national affairs. His return for another term assures Oregon a continuance of a prominent role in the legislative affairs of the nation.

Recommend Harbor Refuge; Analysis of Questionnaires

PORT ORFORD LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ensley and Miss Stella Crizic of Bandon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Johnston of Garrison Lake Sunday evening.

Mrs. O. Leneve was a guest of Mrs. David McKenzie at Cloverdale ranch last Friday.

Mrs. Rosa Ponting has returned to Portland after spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ponting.

Mrs. Genevieve Beaman, principal of the Gold Beach high school, and daughter, Miss Zora Beaman, who is a student at the University of Oregon, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sweet of Arizona Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKenzie motored to Bandon Saturday.

Theron Fromm returned to his home in Port Orford from his summer work as a fire lookout in Curry county.

Frank Seal, director of the State Chamber of Commerce from Curry county, attended the reorganization meeting of the Chamber in Portland Monday. Dr. L. R. Pugh accompanied him on the trip, and will bring Mrs. Pugh and children back with him. Mrs. Pugh has spent the past two months in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen in Bandon and in the evening made up a theatre party to Coquille.

Mrs. Orris Knapp and Miss Peggy Curson were shopping in Bandon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks passed through Port Orford Saturday en route to California to spend the winter. Mr. Sparks has been employed for several months by Pepper Bros. in their mining work near Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, and their guest, Mrs. Howell of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Harris' father, Mr. Hicks, went to Rogue river last Tuesday for a week's fishing and outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Norton, Mrs. G. R. McNair and Mrs. Lillian Fromm attended a congregational meeting at the Port Orford Community church Sunday night.

J. W. Swetman is preparing to build a residence on his property north of Garrison Lake. Andrew Johnston is hauling the material.

David McKenzie transacted business in Bandon Saturday.

Wyman Eaton spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Soranson, from Bandon.

Mrs. E. J. Baker spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Marie Quellan, while S. J. Spoerl made a business trip to Bandon.

A. A. Dimmick of the Dimmick Lumber Co., of Marshfield was a business visitor in Curry county Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCartney of the Middle Elk were guests at Cloverdale ranch Thursday.

Manager Kreiger of the West Coast Telephone Co. of Marshfield, accompanied by Joe Henton were brief visitors in town Friday.

Mrs. Frank Seal and children motored to Bandon Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudell and daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. W. Rudell, and Miss Vera LaClare, of Ophir, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hickox, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oxley and family, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Johnston and daughter enjoyed a picnic dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston on Garrison lake Sunday.

Donald McKenzie of Cloverdale ranch motored to Langlois Wednesday.

Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist of Marshfield, accompanied by Randolph S. Collins, an attorney of Washington, D. C., passed through Port Orford Saturday en route to attend the September term of the circuit court at Gold Beach this week.

Judge Sawyer Elected
Medford, Sept. 11.—Judge Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, was elected president of the Oregon Reclamation Congress at the conference held here this week, and Dr. W. L. Powers, of Oregon State College, was re-elected secretary.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce has just completed an analysis of the questionnaires so far received in the matter of the proposed improvement of the natural deep water harbor at Port Orford as a harbor of refuge. Early in the summer a questionnaire was sent out to steamship companies, sea captains, and seafaring labor unions, in order to determine whether or not such an improvement is needed in the opinion of experienced seafaring men.

Of those answering the questionnaire 91 per cent state that there is an actual need for a harbor of refuge, available under any and all weather conditions, about mid-way between the Golden Gate and the Straits of Juan de Fuca; 87 per cent state this need is greater now than it was in 1879 when Congress made an appropriation of \$150,000 for the improvement of the Port Orford harbor as a harbor of refuge; 87 1/2 per cent state that the need for such a refuge will increase with the increase of commerce on the west coast; 80 per cent state a refuge will be utilized generally to avoid the severe storms of the Pacific when within a reasonable range thereof; 97 per cent state that the Port Orford harbor meets the needs of a harbor of refuge along the Oregon-California coast; 97 per cent state that the stationing of a coast guard cutter on the Port Orford harbor would be in the interest of the protection of lives and property; and 94 per cent frankly recommend the improvement of the Port Orford harbor as a harbor of refuge.

The answered questionnaires came from operating officials and captains of both large and small steamship lines, and the results are, therefore, believed to be a fair cross section of the opinion of experienced seafaring men.

Simon Legree Has Envious War Record

William Valentine, who enacts the role of the cruel Simon Legree in the famous Harvall Company, which comes to Port Orford for one night only, Wednesday, Sept. 16, has been acclaimed everywhere as one of the finest players of this type the public has ever seen. Having been with the Harvall Company since boyhood, he numbers his friends by the thousands throughout the United States, for while his part in the play calls for the very epitome of villainy, off the stage he is the most affable of persons, being termed in tent show circles as "a good mixer." His friendships are not confined to this country alone, however, as he made many friends "over there" during the world war. One of the first to enlist, he served in the First division—the first over and the last to return. He was in the 6th Field Artillery, which was officially credited with firing the first shot at Exermont, France.

Being a showman even in time of trouble, he organized shows for our boys, both in France and in Germany, for he was one of the first Americans to cross the Rhine at Coblenz over a pontoon bridge. In all, he served the United States in Germany for nine months.

Returning after the Armistice, the First Division was the only one to parade with full divisional equipment, both in New York and in Washington—passing in review in the latter city before President Wilson and General Pershing.

Having done his "bit", he hastened back to his real love—"Simon Legree" and nightly he takes keen delight in manhandling poor, old Uncle Tom through three acts of the play, only to meet his own doom at the hand of Lawter Marks, knowing that the audience sincerely hopes Marks' orders have been carried out to the letter—that his carcass be "Fed to the Hogs". The show starts in the big tent at 8:15 p. m.

Sailing the Rogue

Grants Pass, Sept. 11.—Two parties left here this week for a boat trip down the treacherous Rogue to Gold Beach. Fred Popkins, guide, is conducting a party headed by R. Cowden of Silverton in a 22-foot row boat, while Vetric Pruitt, Prince Halford, Dr. Ribbam and John Irish, of Eugene, left Monday in a row boat on this adventurous trip, to fish and take motion pictures.

Jurors for Sept. Term

The jury list for the September term of the Curry County Circuit Court has been drawn and the names of the prospective jurors are:

- A. C. Thompson, Harbor.
- A. H. Boice, Langlois.
- F. D. Carskaddon, Ophir.
- Geo. W. Sutton, Port Orford.
- Mark Wood, Harbor.
- N. B. Grant, Port Orford.
- L. V. Chesley, Langlois.
- Ike Smith, Wedderburn.
- Geo. P. Richardson, Gold Beach.
- E. A. Lindberg, Port Orford.
- A. Tamba, Harbor.
- R. B. Parker, Gold Beach.
- Harry Roher, Harbor.
- Ben Payne, Harbor.
- Walter Critser, Marial.
- J. B. Bono, Langlois.
- L. J. Lowery, Gold Beach.
- Doyle Garvin, Harbor.
- J. Van Eynde, Harbor.
- A. P. Bagnell, Gold Beach.
- R. J. Canfield, Agness.
- W. J. Tyson, Sixes.
- John Davis, Gold Beach.
- L. A. Damon, Marial.
- F. J. Huntley, Gold Beach.
- E. B. Strain, Langlois.
- C. J. Doyle, Wedderburn.
- J. M. Limpach, Port Orford.
- Lester Fitzhugh, Sixes.
- W. E. Bean, Gold Beach.
- O. J. Mather, Sixes.

Charles A. Jamieson Dies

Charles A. Jamieson of Bandon, died at his home Thursday evening at 6 o'clock from pneumonia, although he has been bedridden for 14 months as a result of a stroke. Funeral services were held at the grave in the Denmark cemetery Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Jamieson was born at Presque Isle, Maine, in 1859, and was 72 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by the widow, and one married daughter; a brother, Hugh, in Presque Isle, Me., and a sister in Minnesota, and Warren and Fred Jamieson of Port Orford, nephews. Mr. Jamieson came to southwestern Oregon about 30 years ago and was engaged in the hotel business in Bandon for about 15 years. In later years he engaged in logging.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 20, 1931.
Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.
Forum, 7:30 p. m.
Forum choir practice Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Robertson of the Presbyterian church in Marshfield was the speaker Sunday night. He was accompanied by Dr. Thompson of Portland. They were here to propose the formation of Bandon, Langlois and Port Orford into one church parish, with one minister serving the three communities. At the congregational meeting this plan was agreed upon and plans will be worked out along these lines as soon as possible. A splendid musical program was given including a duet by Peggy Corson and Marion Wilson, a duet by Mrs. A. P. Sweet and A. B. Hoggat, and a baritone solo by Ralph Moore of Bandon.

Sunday School
25 attended Sunday School. Mrs. Forty acted as Superintendent in the absence of Mrs. R. B. Corson. Until further notice Sunday school will start at 10:30 a. m.

Forum
At the Forum Sunday night Dr. Robertson of Marshfield paid the young people of the Forum a glowing tribute for their splendid attendance and interest in the work. He expressed the wish that every church in the State of Oregon should know of the large attendance of young people at these meetings and the work they are doing in this vital phase of church work today.

Ladies Aid
Ladies Aid will hold its first meeting after the summer vacation Wednesday afternoon.

Name New Budget Board

The County Court has named Clarence Zumwalt of Sixes, W. H. Crook of Pistol river and A. C. Thompson of Brookings as a budget board for the 1932 budget. The board will meet with a committee of the Curry County Tax Supervision League to consider tax matters affecting the county as a whole.

Frank Spear Dies

Frank Spear, who has made his home at Port Orford during the past ten years, although away from here the greater portion of recent years, died Friday evening, September 11 at the home of his nephew, A. N. Voorhees, north of Port Orford. Funeral services were held at the grave in the Port Orford cemetery Sunday morning at 10 a. m. with Mrs. Violet Fromm officiating, and singing by the Community Church choir.

Mr. Spear was born at Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1877, and was married about a year ago, bringing his bride to Port Orford. He is survived by the widow, a brother and sister, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. R. M. Voorhees and daughter, Mrs. U. S. Arbour of Vancouver, Wn., the latter a sister of Mr. Spear, arrived Sunday to attend the funeral.

Denies Highway Signs

Bandon, Oregon, September 10.—Ed Kemp, a sign painter of Marshfield, asked the chamber to sponsor or accept a large sign proposed to be erected by him a few miles south of Bandon along the highway. The sign would either carry a view of Bandon beach or a map. The sign would also have some 12 or 14 smaller signs around it which would be commercial messages from local business men.

Inasmuch as the local chamber has gone on record for keeping the coast highway free of commercial signs in order to maintain its scenic attractiveness, and because of the still more intensive campaign that is being waged against commercial signs by the national and state federation of womens clubs, the local chamber would not approve the sign nor agree to accept it.

S. P. Makes Change

L. L. Kelly, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, with headquarters at Eugene, who covers Southwestern Oregon, has been transferred to Sacramento, Calif., and K. A. DeMaris of Salem has been assigned to this district.