

New Columbia River Highway Project Progressing



Though still unsurfaced, the new super-highway along the Columbia river has been roughed in between Troutdale and a point near Bridal Veil. This picture was taken at Lower Corbett

with the camera pointed east. The highway is rough now but passable. It is expected that the section between Troutdale and Dodson may be completed by the fall of 1949.

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Small Holdings Biggest Factor In Timber Land

Oregon's vast land-owning "timber barons" are pretty much figments of overly vivid imaginations because facts and figures do not bear out the belief that timber and trees are all owned by big business.

This statement is made by O. S.C. Extension Forester Charles R. Ross, who points out that woodland owners in the state number close to 45,000. He says 63 percent of Oregon's privately owned forest reserves are owned by individuals with holdings of less than 5,000 acres each.

Farmer-owners of woodlands play important roles in the timber picture, Ross emphasizes. In western Oregon, for example, there is an average of close to 40 acres of wood for each farm. Many other small acreage timber owners are local businessmen, city workers living in the country and various other investors.

From the national standpoint, 4,000,000 persons in the United States own a piece of woodland which contains less than 500 acres. Together, these small acreage timber owners control 200,000,000 acres of forest. That is 60 percent of all the privately owned forest land in this country, Ross adds.

Meanwhile, a change is taking place in the minds of the small forest property owners, Ross states. Prior to about 1940, few farmers, for instance, saw anything but a pasture and wood reservoir in their woodlots. They felt it did not pay to try to sell small trees, and it took two lifetimes to grow salable timber.

A sweeping change in viewpoint is now taking place, Ross observes, and present day woodland owners are seeking income from their trees. Nowadays they are talking knowingly of poles, sawlogs, pulpwood and fuel markets.

Future markets for woodland products are bound to increase with second growth timber becoming more valuable as the result of inroads on the stands of old growth forests. The day when many farmers can receive an annual cash crop from their woods is not too far distant, Ross concludes.

Orient Electric Closes Its Brightwood Store

BRIGHTWOOD—Orient Electric's Brightwood store was closed Wednesday, according to Partners Rod Rogers and Quinten Norquist.

At the present time their store at Orient will be their only retail outlet, they said. John Schmaltz, who operated the Brightwood store, will work on one of the firm's line crews.

Orient Electric will continue commercial and private wiring. Clarification of the extent of a recent transfer of equipment and personnel from Orient Electric to Portland General Electric Co. was made this week by Mr. Rogers.

He pointed out that while one truck and crew, previously used almost entirely on a contract basis with P.G.E., was transferred to that organization, 2 trucks were retained by the Orient firm for contract work.

Orient Electric has a 6-man crew to operate the trucks and equipment. The firm is continuing to do all types of commercial and house wiring and erection of private power lines.

Vacationtime Is Near for Pupils; Closing Dates Set

Despite the weather, several thousand grade and high school youngsters of eastern Multnomah and northeastern Clackamas counties will be heading vacationward in the next two weeks.

The first detachment will quit their classrooms tomorrow, Friday, while some other schools will remain in session until May 28.

Closing dates for schools of this area are as follows:

Friday, May 14—Boring and Cottrell grades and Sandy high.

Thursday, May 20—Sandy, Dover and Orient grades.

Friday, May 21—Gresham

high and Lynch, Gilbert and Bull Run grades.

Tuesday, May 25—Wilkes, Fairview, Powell Valley and Wynne Watts schools.

Wednesday, May 26—Pleasant Valley and Powellhurst grades.

Thursday, May 27—Troutdale grade.

Friday, May 28—Gresham, Springdale, Rockwood, Corbett, Russellville and Bonneville grades, and Columbian (Corbett) and Parkrose high schools.

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From the Farmers OF MINNESOTA To the Farmers OF OREGON

We recommend to you very highly our three-term Governor, Harold E. Stassen, for the next President.

We know him well. He was born on a Minnesota homestead which his father and mother are still farming. He has always been right on agricultural questions, from oleomargarine and cooperatives, to parity and conservation. We also have confidence in him on the big issues that affect us all. He has been firm and consistent against the communists. He has been a constructive leader in every respect. He backed an outstanding farmer, Edward J. Thye, as Governor and as United States Senator.

How Farmers Backed Stassen

We farmers of Minnesota have been solid behind Harold Stassen. The best proof of this was his sweeping victory in the farming areas of Minnesota in his third election after we had had the chance to see how he acted as Governor for two terms.

In his third election as our Governor the farmers backed him overwhelmingly. For example, in the corn-hog county of Martin down near the Iowa line Stassen received 4,881 votes to 1,717 for his opponent.

In the dairy county of Goodhue on the Wisconsin line Stassen received 5,535 votes to 2,711 for his opponent.

In the wheat and diversified agricultural county of Rock on the South Dakota line, he received 1,819 votes to 471 for his opponent.

And in the big agricultural county of Otter Tail up on the North Dakota line he received 6,327 votes to 4,580 for his opponent. In the state as a whole he received 409,800 votes to 299,917 for his opponent.

In the Township of Eureka, which is a complete township of milk producers in his home county of Dakota, where they had known him for two terms as county attorney and two terms as governor, he received a remarkable vote of 158 to 27 for his opponent.

We know we speak for the farmers of Minnesota as a whole when we recommend him to you as the best man for President of the United States, in your May 21st primary.

With our neighborly best wishes,

Sincerely,

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