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State Bridge Program Given O. K. by Public Works Administration

Salem—Between 1500 and 2000 men will be provided steady employment for the next two years through approval by the Public Works Administration of the \$3,100,000 coast highway bridge program according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Word of the approval of the bridge fund reached the highway department in a telegram from J. M. Devers at Washington, D. C. Saturday. Baldock said that the department would be ready to award the first contract late in February and actual construction work will be under way by March 1 or shortly thereafter.

Work will be undertaken first on the Alsea span with contracts to be awarded at three week intervals on the Coos Bay, Yaquina and the Reedport and Florence bridges in the order named. Cost of the Coos Bay bridge, largest of the five spans, is estimated at \$2,250,000; the Yaquina bridge, \$1,125,000; the Alsea Bay bridge, \$711,000; the Siuslaw bridge, \$470,000; and the Umpqua river bridge, \$377,000.

Construction of the Alsea, Umpqua and Siuslaw bridges is expected to require approximately 18 months' time while completion of the Coos Bay and Yaquina bridges will require two years.

The major structural materials required for the five spans will include 108,100 cubic yards of concrete, 685,200 tons of structural steel and 4300 tons of metal reinforcement. In addition there will be required 12,000,000 feet of lumber, 450,000 lineal feet of piling and 100 tons of machinery.

Of the \$3,100,000 to be advanced by the Public Works Administration to finance construction of the five bridges, 30 per cent will be an outright gift to the state and 70 per cent will be a loan to be repaid over a period of 30 years through tolls to be collected for use of the spans.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will resist the attempt of the state highway engineer, Charles M. Thomas, to reduce salaries of its officials. Injunction suits has been filed in federal court, attacking an order issued by Thomas as disappointing salaries of phone company officials, a undue interference with the company's business. Thomas order sought to reduce salaries of phone company officials from a total of \$233,739 to \$173,525. Officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, the Portland Gas & Coke company and the Northwestern Electric company, whose salaries have been marked down by Thomas, are also expected to appeal to the courts.

Dilatory motorists found that the state police meant to give them a warning when they warned against appearing in public with old license plates after the turn of the year. Hundreds of motorists all over the state were stopped and required to comply with the law forthwith. Reports of the registration department show that more than 11,400 motorists filed applications for new plates on January 2, the first business day of the new year, largely as a result of the activities of the police. Applications for 1934 plates filed up to December 31 totaled 108,000. Many of these applications were filed through the county sheriffs and others came through the mails so that the plates were not ready until the following week. Actually only 66,509 of Oregon's more than 240,000 motor vehicles were equipped with new plates on New Year's day.

Recognition of John Barleycorn by Uncle Sam is not being given. Employees of the state are going to be permitted to become too familiar with the returned exile. It has been generally taken for granted that drunkenness on duty would result in dismissal, but in the opinion of the department is taking no chances on a misunderstanding and has issued an order on the subject. Not only does the department forbid drinking or drunkenness while on duty but it ban extends to any public display of intemperance or excessive drinking that would bring discredit upon the department.

Series Meets Set to Study Hog Program

Committee Divides County Into Six Districts for Discussion Sessions

Farmers Interested Plan Outlined Here Friday by State Agent Leader

(By Joseph Belanger, Asst. County Agent)

Series of six district meetings for discussion of the hog reduction plan, contracts, supporting evidence and farm maps have been scheduled in Washington county for next week. Meetings to explain the hog reduction plan will be held according to the following schedule:

Monday, January 15, at 1:30 p. m., Aloha Grange hall, Monday, January 15, at 8 p. m., West Union school; Tuesday, January 16, at 1:30 p. m., Siletz school; Wednesday, January 17, at 1:30 p. m., Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce; Thursday, January 18, at 8 p. m., Roy, Moore's hall; and Friday, January 19, at 8 p. m., Blooming school.

Plan Outlined

F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader, explained the hog plan and the necessity of making a reduction in the number of hogs marketed at the county-wide meeting Friday. After the meeting a group of representative hog producers met to discuss the organization of the county hog reduction association. This committee was composed of Charles Herb, Banks route 1; Glen Ritchey, Forest Grove; H. Hornecker, Hillsboro route 5; John Schmelzer, Sherwood route 3; Albert Kramer, Cornelius route 2; and Albert Meier, Hillsboro.

Districts Set

District 1, represented by John Schmelzer, consists of that part of Washington county lying east and south of the Scholls Ferry and Scholls-Newberg road.

District 2, represented by H. Hornecker, consists of that territory between the Scholls Ferry road and the Pacific Highway.

Fire Marshal Reports Work

Details of the fire prevention activities conducted in Hillsboro by the fire marshal during the past year were included in a report submitted by W. A. Dillon, fire marshal, to the city council this week. All buildings and surrounding property in the fire limits have been inspected regularly once a month and all schools have been checked on fire drills, according to the report.

Three frame buildings, two of which were in the fire limit, have been removed during the past year to reduce fire hazards. Report stated that 15 fire extinguishers have been refilled, one chimney cleaned and result, an extension placed on another chimney at the order of the fire marshal and several inspections were made on request of property owners.

Office of fire marshal has been cleaned throughout the city. Dillon reported. Notices to remove fire hazards, consisting of defective wiring, chimneys and stoves, litter on floors, vents from stoves in restaurants and paper too close to a chimney were issued and complied with in all but one case.

Fires in the city were all investigated by the fire marshal, two of (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Hilli Hoopsters Play McMinnville Here Friday Eve

Hilli basketball, defending county champion, will certainly open the 1934 district schedule here Friday night when they clash with the strong McMinnville squad. Local team broke even in pre-season games last Friday night, defeating Gaston 27 to 23 and losing to St. Mary's 19 to 19.

Hillsboro defensive play has developed in good shape during pre-season games, but the offensive work has failed to come up to expectations so far according to B. M. Goodman, coach. Progress of the Blue and White quintet, during the coming schedule will depend upon the development of offensive power.

Locals took an early lead in the game against Gaston and maintained the advantage all throughout the hard-fought game. Basketball shooting of Cook and Barr and the checking work of the team was outstanding in the game. Squad for this game consisted of Chaback, Richardson, W. Wagner, Barr, Cook and Samuel. The second team, consisting of Matson, W. Wagner, Chase, Samsel and Shattuck defeated the Gaston second team 21 to 19.

Need of Flood Control Cited

Improvement of Shute Park Seen as Good Project

Need for and value of flood control along the Tualatin river was cited at the chamber of commerce dinner meeting Monday night by George McGee and W. G. Ide. Possibility of bringing this in as a CWA project was stressed. McGee and Ide were named on a committee to co-operate with the county court and others interested in the plan, which would save thousands of dollars annually to the county.

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College Dean Tells Effect Of Inflation

Warning Against Program of Uncontrolled Currency Issue Implied Here

Many Examples Cited Dean Schoenfeld Discusses War Debts at Rotary

Warning against a program of uncontrolled currency inflation in the United States was implied by Dr. William A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college in speaking before the local Rotary club Thursday night. Dean Schoenfeld, who is dean of the school of agriculture, director of the experiment station and recently appointed regional director on the Farm Credit board, spoke on "Relation of Inflation to Our Markets."

Burglar Gets Pen Sentence

Action Filed for Recovery Thatcher Estate Fund

Sentence of not to exceed five years in the state penitentiary was imposed upon Theodore Torgerson of Portland Tuesday on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. Two other men, Lloyd O'Day of Portland and Leo Mahoney of Jerome, Idaho, who were alleged to have been involved in the looting of the Frank Miller store at Forest Grove, received suspended sentences. They were held in the county jail pending further investigation.

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Road Rights-of-Way Cost Washington County \$2750

Washington county's pro rata share of the purchase price of rights-of-way for the Wolf creek road totaled \$2750, according to the county court. An order transferring that amount to the state highway commission fund of the county was made last Thursday.

Hillsboro Grange Plans to Observe 60th Anniversary

Hillsboro Grange, the oldest in Washington county, will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding next Tuesday evening. New grange hall will also be dedicated by George A. Palmer of Milwaukee, past state grange master, at the same time.

Local grange was organized January 14, 1874, with 23 charter members, none of whom are now living. Mrs. J. A. Imbric of Hillsboro now holds a "golden sheaf" emblem, signifying 50 or more years of membership in the organization.

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Dairymen Get Price Boost For Produce

Milk Control Board Raises Twenty-five Cent Rate in Portland Area

Schedule Temporary

New Scale Took Effect on Last Tuesday Morning

County dairymen received an increase of 25 cents a hundred weight in the price for milk of four per cent butterfat delivered to Multnomah county distributors by a temporary schedule of minimum prices set up by the Oregon milk control board. The new price schedule went into effect at midnight Tuesday.

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Ireland Named Co-op Director

Senator Arthur Ireland was unanimously elected Co-operative association director from this district Friday night during the annual meeting of the county unit at the local high school auditorium. Speakers during the session included Senator Joe Dunne, co-sponsorer with Ireland of the Dunne-Ireland milk bill, W. G. Hare of Hillsboro, and W. W. Henry, co-op manager.

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Aged School Bell Ends Many Years Of Service Here

Old bell in the David Hill school here closed more than 60 years of service in speeding the lagging feet of many generations of Hillsboro students last Thursday afternoon when CWA workers started dismantling the school cupola. The bell, blackened by years of exposure to the weather, will be placed in the school and preserved as an old time relic.

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