

700 MORE MEN WILL HAVE JOBS ON 44 PROJECTS

Approval Received Last
Night; Work to Start
At Once

Many Skilled Workers Will
Get Call on New
Projects

At least 700 more men throughout Marion county will find employment by the end of this week on new CWA projects, J. N. Chambers, county CWA administrator, announced late Wednesday following word from state CWA headquarters that 44 more projects in the county had been approved.

Saturday night the number of employed men is expected to be near to the total quota of 1411 allowed to this county under the CWA program. Men already employed now reach 700.

Selection of the men began last night at the Marion county employment office on Court street here under the direction of E. T. Barnes, manager. Today and tomorrow hundreds of placement blanks will be distributed throughout the county assigning men to their work.

Scores of skilled workmen will be needed in the new jobs although the bulk of the laborers will be common workmen. With a minimum pay check for each work of \$15 a week for 30 hours' employment assured, CWA officials estimated last night that the average pay disbursement per man per week would be \$17.50 bringing the weekly pay checks issued here to \$24,692 by the end of next week.

Approval of the projects was learned by Chambers through a telegram received from Burton E. Palmer, assistant state CWA administrator.

The projects are scattered widely throughout the county. Money will go for road improvement, for school repair, for city water and sewer work and for recreational projects.

Under late orders from Portland, all men now employed will be taken through the employment office here. Care will be exercised in seeing that men placed are uniformly in need of relief.

Selection of men, however, will be by no means be confined to men who have been on the county relief rolls heretofore. Inasmuch as the first quota of men placed rolls, it is expected that the bulk of new placements will be from workers now unemployed and needing work but to date able to maintain themselves without direct relief.

CWA officials here last night were highly pleased with the prompt acceptance of their work projects. Employment workers will do their best to place the men by this weekend although it was not certain last night that all the placements could be made because of the magnitude of the task. It seemed certain that all the workers would be on next week's payroll.

Additional projects approved for the county are:

- No. 24: Repairing city hall and grading streets, Sublimity.
- No. 25: Grading streets, Scotts Mills.
- No. 26: Cross street relief sewer, Salem.
- No. 27: Improvements to school plant, district seven, Sublimity.
- No. 28: Improving Gervais-Donald county road.
- No. 29: South Mill creek deepening, Salem.
- No. 30: North Mill Creek deepening, Salem.
- No. 31: Coverdale Gap - Parish road improvements.
- No. 32: Gervais drainage and ditching work.
- No. 33: Improving grounds Oregon tuberculosis hospital.
- No. 34: Turner school recreational project.
- No. 35: Flooring and heating system for Salem armory, \$700 materials to be furnished locally.
- No. 36: Mt. Angel school district #1, rebuilding schoolhouse.
- No. 37: Annville street project.
- No. 38: Improving West Stay.

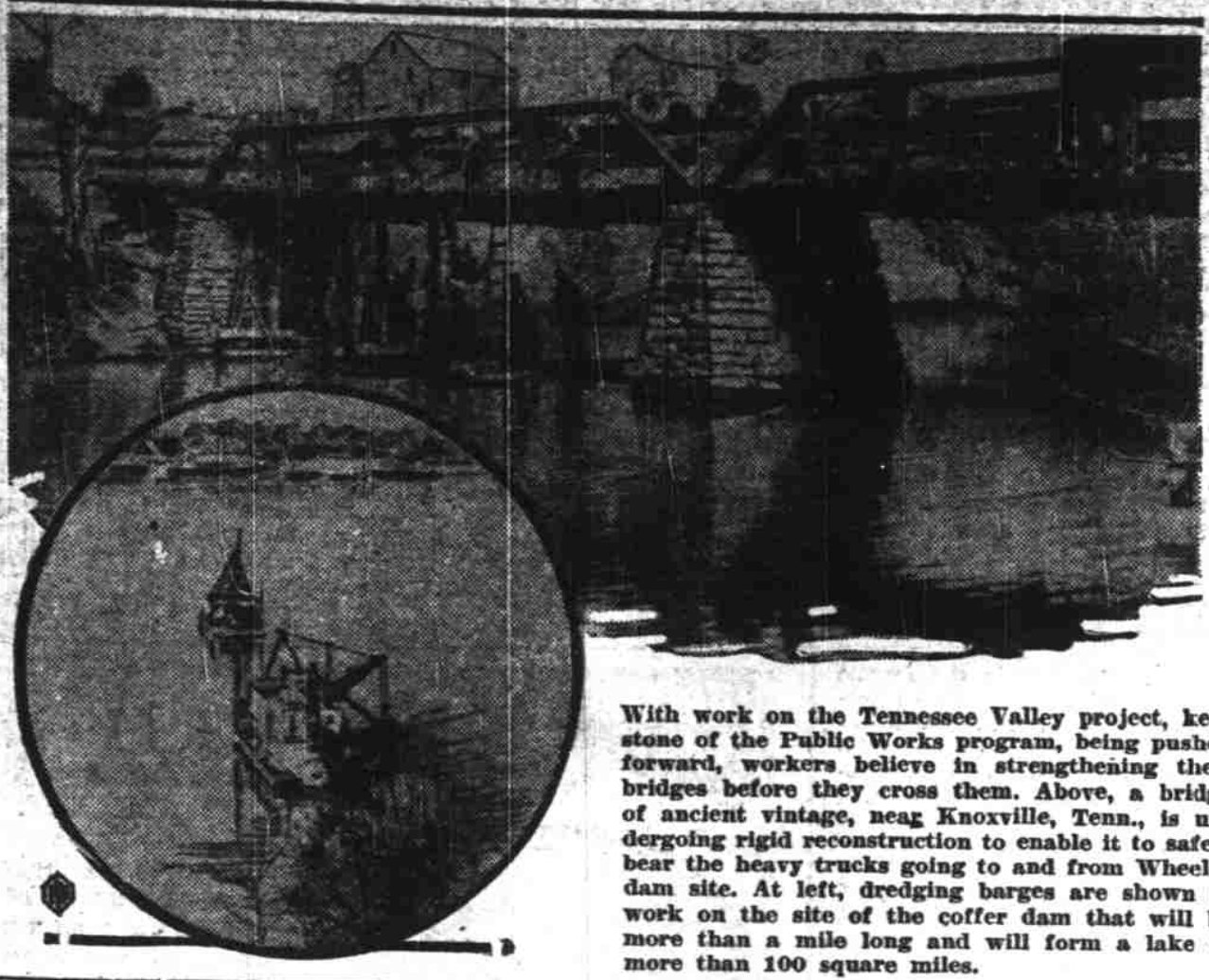
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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS



9 SHOPPING DAYS
TO CHRISTMAS

PWA's Tennessee Valley Project Under Way



With work on the Tennessee Valley project, keystone of the Public Works program, being pushed forward, workers believe in strengthening their bridges before they cross them. Above, a bridge of ancient vintage, near Knoxville, Tenn., is undergoing rigid reconstruction to enable it to safely bear the heavy trucks going to and from Wheeler dam site. At left, dredging barges are shown at work on the site of the coffer dam that will be more than a mile long and will form a lake of more than 100 square miles.

SEATTLE POLICE CATCH KIDNAPER

Luke May Nabs Plotter Before Be Seizes Victim; Schools Cooperate

SEATTLE, Dec. 13. (AP)—A plot to kidnap John von Herberg, 18-year-old son of J. von Herbers, Pacific northwest theatre magnate, and hold him for \$50,000 ransom was frustrated today with the arrest of one of the plotters and his confession. Chief of Detective Luke S. May announced tonight.

May made the announcement in the midst of a conference with representatives of the department of justice and Snohomish county peace officers, all of whom, he said, assisted in thwarting the plot and bringing about the arrest of the suspected ringleader.

Further arrests, possibly two or three, are expected momentarily, he declared.

The name of the suspect, who was being held in custody in a secret hiding place, was withheld. May declared, however, that he is a former newspaper managing editor who came to the Pacific northwest recently, and is about 50 years old.

He has confessed, May said, the complete details of the plot, going so far as to point out the lonely shack on the waterfront near Everett, 23 miles north of here, where it was planned to imprison young von Herberg until the ransom was paid.

The man was arrested by Snohomish County Sheriff W. E. Faulkner and Deputies Ray Ryan and Mel Knudson on Monday night. May said, on a description broadcast throughout the Pacific northwest.

Alertness of students and teachers at the Franklin high school here, which the youth attends, the detective chief said, was responsible for the speedy breaking up of the planned abduction.

The students said that the man had appeared in the vicinity of the high school on Monday and made inquiries regarding the customary movements of the von Herberg youth, in coming to and leaving the school.

They reported promptly to their teachers, May said, in accordance with plans worked out a few months ago here by himself with Worth McClure, superintendent of schools, to combat any kidnaping plans.

"We lost no time getting into action," he said.

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Senorita Whispers To Welles

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13. (AP)—To an accompaniment of cheers from a crowd of several hundred persons, most of them Cubans, Sumner Welles, retiring ambassador to Cuba, returned to the states late today to resume his former post as assistant secretary of state at Washington.

Carrying a cane, the tall slender diplomat was almost swept off his feet when several score Cubans, most of them in exile here, edged through a group of Americans as he walked off the field on arriving here by airplane from Havana.

One pretty black eyed senorita threw her arms around Mr. Welles' neck and said something to him in Spanish, which was not heard by others because of the cheering. Blushing, the retiring ambassador smiled and thanked her.

Mr. Welles is being succeeded at the State Department by Jefferson Caffery of the state department.

PASADENA DENTIST SHOT FROM AMBUSH

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 13. (AP)—Drenched from an all night rain, the bullet torn body of Dr. Leonard Siewer, 45, dentist, socialist and art patron, was discovered today by an early morning milkman near the Scottish Rite cathedral.

Siewer, whose professional cards carried the phrase "aesthetics in dentistry," and played soft music on a phonograph while he worked on his socially prominent patients, was shot down from ambush, police said, as he started to enter his automobile.

Admitting they were seeking a redheaded Hollywood woman known to have been Dr. Siewer's companion on many occasions, authorities delved into the past life of the dentist who enjoyed a professional and social reputation along Pasadena's "millionaire row."

He had been shot twice, once through the base of the skull and again through the heart. His pockets had been rifled and his watch and wallet were missing, but authorities said they believed this was to disguise the motive.

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GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE MONOPOLY

Study Program to Unify Radio, Telegraph and Telephone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—A place was tentatively reserved today on the administration's legislative program for a statute which would unify communication agencies — radio, telephone and telegraph — under the strict control of a new governmental unit.

President Roosevelt is studying the preliminary report of an interdepartmental committee which indicated it might be best to give the communication systems vital monopolies and then regulate them through a federal commission.

The chief executive has come to no decision and Secretary Roper who headed the committee, told reporters his group would draft no recommendations or tentative legislation until it had conferred again with Chairman Dill of the senate interstate commerce committee and Chairman Rayburn of the house commerce committee.

These committees would steer legislation affecting communication if the administration feels the time has come to draft a permanent federal policy.

Both Senator Dill and Representative Roper are members of the Roper committee but they left Washington before the preliminary report was completed.

Roper said the report would not be made public until they had been acquainted with its details.

He agreed with the White House that an assembling of the evidence gathered would show that almost every one of the 11 committee members favored a trend toward monopoly subjected to strict federal supervision.

The other alternatives listed in the report to Mr. Roosevelt were continuation of the present arrangement, or outright government ownership. It was indicated that a change was needed but that change should not put the government in the communications business.

Lock Up Wisdom In Kansas Pen

LANSING, Kan., Dec. 13. (AP)—The identity of Jack Wisdom, 26-year old cowboy triple slayer, was swallowed up in the routine of penitentiary life here today while at Cedarville Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fritchard, two of his victims, were held in prison.

Sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of Fritchard, who had threatened Wisdom with prosecution on a forged check charge, the new prisoner said he had "no regrets" and expressed a willingness "to do my best here."

Wisdom also confessed he killed Emory J. Large, a fellow worker on the Levitt Johnson ranch in Meade county, during a quarrel over a card game.

Melson Pleased, CWA Workers

Roy S. Melson, Marion county commissioner, expressed gratification yesterday over the way CWA projects were going in the county.

"The men are digging in and working like troopers," he said. "They are getting much valuable work accomplished. Uniformly I find, on a tour of inspection, that the men are eager to work and anxious to do well so they can hold their positions. They understand that failure to do their work means that some worthy man will take their place."

Melson said the county court was pleased to be able to get so much needed road work done with such liberal federal help.

NEED EXCEEDS FIVE BILLIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Administration to Ask Congress for \$5,375,000,000

To Continue Civil Works Until Next Spring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—The administration will ask congress for appropriations of at least \$5,375,000,000 at the coming session of congress.

This became apparent today as President Roosevelt's aides added up minimum estimates for emergency expenditures and found they totaled \$2,775,000,000 without figuring in a cent for the Reconstruction corporation, whose requirements cannot be forecast at this time. To that sum they added \$2,600,000,000 of budget surplus to be available for emergency governmental operating expenses the next fiscal year.

"One of the items figuring in the budget was brought prominently to the fore today by the disclosure by President Roosevelt that he intended to continue the work of the civil works administration until next spring, gradually tapering off the work between March 1 and May 1. By that time, the administration hopes that the public works program will be able to absorb gradually those now cared for by the civil works plan.

Acting Secretary Morgenthau of the treasury, disturbed at continuing newspaper dispatches of discussion between himself and subordinates, called reporters to his office for a special press conference. He praised the work of Walter J. Cummings, chairman of the Bank Deposit Insurance corporation, and expressed the hope he would stay with treasury as long as he himself continues as its chief.

Cummings is planning to retire soon after January to assume an important post with Chicago (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

TWO OREGONIANS PROTEST TO PWA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore) and Representative Martin (R-Ore) protested to the public works administration today for the proposed Oregon to Oregon most of the expenses of the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river.

In an interview with Deputy Administrator Henry M. Walte, they filed a similar complaint against charges for the Owyhee and Vale dams, built for irrigation work in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada, being made against Oregon funds.

Costs of the Bonneville dam, Martin declared, should be assessed against all states which will be benefited and not in a large measure from Oregon "just because the river flows by our door."

Under present plans Oregon is being assessed from rivers and harbors funds for five-sixths of the total cost of the project, the remainder coming from Washington's rivers and harbors funds. Originally the costs were divided equally between the two states but protests of Representative Smith (Wash.) because jobs were not prorated in the same manner brought the change.

Mt. Angel Pair Get too Frisky

W. A. Worley, Mt. Angel drug store proprietor, last night swore out a complaint against George Meyer and Joseph Schmidt of that city charging them with being drunk and disorderly. The two are alleged to have shoved a penny scale through the plate glass door of Worley's store.

State police, dispatched by Salem police radio, went to Mt. Angel and arrested Meyer and were hunting for Schmidt. Meyer was brought to the county jail here.

Burning Ship Was Jap Fishing Boat

MONTREY, Calif., Dec. 13. (AP)—The mystery of a burning ship off Point Pinos, near here during a storm last night, was solved today when it became known the vessel involved was a 48-foot Japanese-owned abalone fishing boat that had caught fire and sunk. Its crew of four escaped in a motor tender and came ashore.

Reports that several large ships were in the vicinity at the time caused anxiety in shipping circles for several hours.

Quits Post



Henry Bruere, president of the Bowery Savings Bank of New York, who has relinquished his post as credit and banking expert for the Roosevelt administration, is the author of the plan to release frozen credits in closed banks throughout the country.

WEST SALEM ROAD ON NEXT BID LIST

Mills City-Gates Section in Call for Bids by Highway Board

Contracts for nine important road projects in the Salem territory will probably be let at the state highway commission meeting in Portland, December 28 and 29, it was announced Wednesday by the highway department here.

Five of the projects are in this county, and include four bridges on major roads in the county. Outstanding in importance is to be the awarding of a grading contract for 4.4 miles of work on the Mill City-Gates section of the North Santiam secondary highway in this county. This project like the others which are to be let, will be financed from federal moneys available under the national recovery act.

Four bridges are to be let on construction bids in this county. One will be the bridge over North Mill creek on the North Capitol street entrance to Salem. The second will be a bridge over the Abiqua river on the Cascade secondary highway north of Silverton. A third will be a bridge over Butte creek on the Woodburn-Mt. Hood secondary highway near Woodburn and a fourth will be a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Pear Pack Shows Increase Since Depression Began

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP)—There has been an increase in the pear pack of the Pacific northwest since 1929 "despite the depression," J. W. Mayo, general manager of the National Pacific Canner and Packers, told delegates to the 48th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society here today.

"Oregon pears and prunes," Mayo stated, "have been given parity with California apricots and peaches in eastern store advertising."

Per capita consumption of canned pears, he said, has steadily increased, and European markets for the fruit are improving. Canned pears will be included in commodities considered by the British in the forthcoming trade relation treaty.

Mayo predicted a "healthy condition for the pear and the prune pack next year and stabilized relations between producers and packers."

Dr. W. W. Manville of Portland stated that a survey showed pears contain mineral salts, vitamins and non-fattening sugar of dietetic value.

Howard Says Sales Tax Only Hope For Relief

The sales or privilege tax is the only way open for saving hundreds of Oregon school districts from financial disaster, Charles Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, declared in a statement issued Wednesday.

"I believe I am right in this contention regardless of the varying theories of taxation or the desirability of using other sources of revenue," Howard continued.

Howard said the sales tax was approved by the legislature after all other proposals had failed, and was an emergency measure designed to keep the children in school and to prevent many school districts from crumbling under their burden of warrant indebtedness. He continued that heavy tax delinquencies had played havoc with the schools and would continue to do so until property was relieved of some of the tax burden he now carries.

"Of the \$4,000,000 which it was estimated the school relief bill

Gov. Meier Appoints Commissioners for Liquor Control Act

STORMY WEATHER REACHES ENGLAND

Western Washington Recovering; Bridge Span Drops in River

(By the Associated Press) Furious gales swept the British Isles Wednesday and sent to destruction a cargo steamer with all hands while a lifeboat fought through the surf of the East Suffolk coast in a futile effort to reach the ship. A dozen lives were thought to have been lost.

On this side of the Atlantic a gale pounded the Nova Scotia shore, and heavy loss to fishermen's gear was feared.

While most of the United States reported normal winter temperatures, the northeastern seaboard was frozen with temperatures as low as 10 degrees below zero in Maine. Along the northwestern states fringing Canada the mercury hovered just above zero.

More than three inches of rain fell in parts of southern California, Los Angeles suffering floods four feet deep in some sections. Long Beach saw flurries of snow for the first time in two years. San Jose, farther north, felt a touch of earthquake — windows were rattled, but no damage was reported.

Fog forced down a plane in the great smokies of Tennessee. (Turn to Page 5, Col. 4)

BOLD ROBBERS USE RADIO FOR SAFETY

CHICAGO, Dec. 13. (AP)—Wireless equipped, seven armed men today invaded the Unity Trust and Savings bank, overpowered and blindfolded five persons, smashed their way through 99 of its 335 safety deposit boxes and escaped with several thousand dollars worth of loot.

Officials of the bank, now in receivership but kept open for convenience of depositors having boxes, said they were unable to ascertain the amount of securities, jewelry and cash taken but feared it would exceed \$50,000.

Police said apparently the daring daylight raid was accomplished by a band of professional safe crackers who had an "inside" confederate.

Those held prisoner said they heard the robbers in the vault from time to time call out the name of the owner of the box to be battered next. Meanwhile, one of the gang, with a low wavy wireless receiver tucked in his belt, called to prevent the mob being surprised in the event alarm was given.

COALGATE, Okla., Dec. 13. (AP)—Three machine gun bandits fleeing with more than \$200 in loot from the First National Bank of Coalgate escaped by motor car in the densely wooded hill country northwest of this city tonight.

Wilbur Underhill, fugitive convict, was sought as their leader. The car used by the robbers corresponded with descriptions of one purchased in Okemah, Okla., by a woman named Mabel here recently to Underhill. He has been at large since escaping with ten other convicts from the Kansas state prison last Memorial day.

Two bank officers, Oliver Browning, cashier, and Mrs. Lillian O'Connell, assistant cashier, and three customers were kidnaped by the robbers, but all were released unharmed a few miles from town.

RECEIVES BULLITT IN WINTER PALACE

MOSCOW, Dec. 13. (AP)—Sixteen years of official isolation between the United States and soviet Russia were broken today when William C. Bullitt presented his ambassadorial credentials to Mikhail Kalinin. The ceremony was accompanied by more than an ordinary cordial exchange between the president of the general executive committee and the American envoy and was marked by the fact that while the United States and the soviet union represent two widely divergent political and social systems this in itself presents no bar to their successful cooperation.

Both pledged their respective governments to forward "not merely normal but genuinely friendly relations" between the countries.

McMorran of Eugene; Barry, Portland; Burns, Condon, are Choice

Commission Will Meet Today to Organize Under Knox Plan

Governor Julius L. Meier late Wednesday announced in Portland the appointment of Oregon's first liquor control commission whose terms will begin when the Knox liquor control measure becomes law. Signature of the bill, now enrolled and before the executive for final approval, is expected today.

For the commission the governor chose: George H. McMorran, Eugene, first congressional district; James D. Burns of Condon, second congressional district; Alex G. Barry of Portland, third congressional district.

Each man has been notified of his appointment and will serve, the governor announced. Commissions will not be sent the men until the Knox act is signed.

The commission was slated to meet today with the governor to outline its course of action.

Mr. McMorran and Judge Burns are both merchants of extensive experience. McMorran recently sold his interest in the McMorran and Washburne department store at Eugene to his long-time business associate, Carl G. Washburne, himself a member of the state highway commission. Recently McMorran has served as chairman of the NR board for Lane county. He is highly regarded in the Eugene business community.

Judge Burns is well-known in Gilliam county but the appointment of yesterday marks his first statewide service. He is a democrat. The other members of the commission are republicans.

Mr. Barry, an attorney in Portland, has been prominent for years in state legion affairs. He served recently as state commander. During the past year he has been a member of the relief committee in Multnomah county and is highly regarded by Raymond Wilcox, state relief chairman.

The governor has not yet designated the chairman although it is expected that McMorran will be named to the position. Headquarters of the liquor control board will be in Salem under the legislative enactment.

Report here yesterday was that George Neuner might be named legal counsel for the commission although the report could not be verified. It was known he was considered as a member of the commission as was Dr. William S. Knox but each man is reported to have declined the honor because of the heavy duties incumbent upon the commission at the time of its organization.

Senator Ashby Dickson, chairman of the senate alcoholic control committee, announced Wednesday in Portland that he thought a fair-sized chain of state liquor stores would be established within the next two or three weeks in Portland.

Governor Meier, commenting briefly on the new developments, said last night that the operation of liquor stores in Oregon "is a new business and must be set up in a business-like way." He expects to meet with the commission today before leaving the latter for the next two of this week for San Francisco.

Who will administer the state liquor system is not known. Frank A. Spencer of Portland is talked although it is known objections to his appointment have arisen.

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