

\$295,000 Jobs Awarded Roads

Houk of Salem Wins big Job on \$108,879 bid; Clough Is Seated

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—Bids on road work costing about \$295,000 were awarded today by the state highway commission at a meeting in which H. W. Clough of Canyonville took his place as commissioner.

Fisher Brothers of Oregon City won a job of grading, surfacing and oiling sections of the Eagle Creek-Firwood road in Clackamas county on a bid of \$38,379.

Roy L. Houk, Salem, won a job of grading and paving 1.18 miles of the Bunker Hill section of the Oregon coast highway in Coos county on a bid of \$108,879.

The E. C. Hall company, Eugene, was awarded grading, surfacing and oiling sections of road in Hood River county with a bid of \$39,926.

E. L. Rigdon, Paisley, won a 2.99 mile grading and surfacing job on the Poe Valley section of the Oregon coast highway in Klamath county on a bid of \$70,235.

Saxton, Looney & Riley of Oak Grove, was low on grading, surfacing and oiling 5.9 miles of road in Morrow county on a bid of \$19,115.

The commission told a Portland delegation there was no immediate possibility of building a lateral route from Southeast 50th avenue and Hawthorne boulevard in Portland direct to Southeast 32nd avenue and Powell boulevard.

The commission acknowledged the value of the project but said the state was not in a position to undertake the job now.

The commission honored Henry B. Van Duser, former commission chairman, by designating a "Duser Corridor" a state-owned timber strip bordering the Salmon River cutoff west of Grande Ronde.

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Franco's Troops Parade Through Fallen Madrid



Carrying the blue and gold flag of the rebel forces, the vanguard of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's armies are shown entering Madrid, Spain, which was surrendered by Loyalist forces after a siege of more than two years. The large building seen at the right in this photo is the Madrid postoffice.

—International Illustrated News Radiophoto

Hoover Reaffirms Strict Neutrality

RENO, Nev., April 6.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, said tonight "I regret to differ so widely from my friend former Secretary Stimson," who yesterday in Washington suggested sharp revision of the neutrality law to give the president wider discretion in its application.

Stimson suggested the president be empowered to name an aggressor nation and stop commerce with that nation.

"I am convinced," said Hoover in an interview, "that taking sides in European conflicts by any program of economic support to one side or the other will stop no wars and heads the United States straight towards being involved in war."

"It leads there because no war can be won by economic methods and once we are in the controversy we have to win and only military force will win wars."

"G-Men" May Be WPA Investigators

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Members of a house subcommittee set up to investigate WPA said today that justice department agents would be used in the inquiry "if needed."

The subcommittee, which held its organization meeting today, has authority to use J. Edgar Hoover's men if the justice department is agreeable, it was said.

Whether the chief of the "G-men" has been consulted as yet was not disclosed.

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Oddities in the News

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—(AP)—That bumpiness of a (TWA) transport plane 4,000 feet above Columbus, O., Hostess Clara Foley explained carefully to the 18 passengers, was not due to rough weather.

"The co-pilot just had a baby," she said.

News of the arrival of an 8-pound girl at a hospital here was relayed to the pilot, R. H. Kruse, by the radio dispatcher at Indianapolis.

Kruse quickly relinquished the controls to P. T. W. Scott, the airline's captain. The co-pilot recovered sufficiently at Dayton to bring a ship into Kansas City this morning.

CLINTON, N.Y., April 6.—(AP)—East more if you're growing bald, Professor Earl O. Butcher, Hamilton college biologist, says experiments with white rats show demands for energy and for body repair must be met before the hair receives its quota of nutrition.

"White rats get a new growth of hair every 35 days," he explains. "If they are underfed, however, their bodies continue to grow in length, and they are as active as ever, but their hair growth occurs only every 50 or 60 days if at all."

"Less worry and better appetites, more rest and less energy-consuming activity should be the salvation of America's hair problem."

MONTROSE, Colo., April 6.—(AP)—A dry cleaning firm rushed delivery of Mrs. Vera DeJulio's best dress today as she had ordered—she could wear it to a funeral.

The funeral was her own. "Do a nice job, please. I want the dress by noon tomorrow because I am going to a funeral," the cleaner said Mrs. DeJulio told him.

She had ordered, said Isaiah Knott, coroner, she took a lethal dose of poison.

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Australia Premier Lyons Is Called

SYDNEY, Australia, April 7.—(Friday)—Premier J. A. Lyons died tonight after two days illness.

Lyons, who was 59 years old, had been premier of Australia since 1932 and was serving his third successive term.

Known as "Honest Joe," the premier was taken to a hospital yesterday suffering from a chill. Later it was announced he had a heart attack.

Lyons founded the united Australia party in 1931 after a break with Premier Scullin's labor government and in the following year won a sweeping victory at the polls.

A native of Tasmania, Lyons found that pictures of his family—five sons and six daughters—were potent vote-getters in Australian election campaigns.

McCracken Slayer To Hang June 30

ALTURAS, Calif., April 6.—(AP)—Death by hanging, on Friday June 30—that is the penalty Harry French must pay for the murder of Claude L. McCracken in a shooting that shocked this Modoc county town two years ago.

The execution date was set today by Superior Judge Ben V. Currier. Because the crime was committed before the lethal chamber was substituted for the gallows in California, French will be executed by the rope.

French was convicted of first degree murder, and the jury that convicted him gave a verdict that he was sane.

McCracken was shot to death in his home the evening of March 25, 1937.

Eastern Oregon's Crops Are Frozen

PENDLETON, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—The mercury skidded down to 22 degrees last night, coldest since March 5, but no damage to wheat here had been reported today.

Spotty damage in the Milton-Freewater area was reported, with all of the comparatively small strawberry acreage frozen and some damage to peach and cherry orchards.

A cannery at Milton-Freewater also said all early asparagus in the Athens, Ore., district had been lost.

Japanese Reject France's Protest

TOKYO, April 7.—(Friday)—(AP)—The foreign office today disclosed it had received and rejected a protest from France against Japan's assumption of jurisdiction over the Spratly islands situated strategically in the South China sea.

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Bang's Disease Much Reduced

State Agriculture Office Reduces Cows Affected to 2.6 per Cent

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. If Oregon's cows had sense enough, they would give the state department of agriculture a moaning vote thanks for almost wiping out Bang's disease—a malady that for a time threatened to spread through the nation's cattle population.

But the cow, generally considered to have a relatively small amount of brain power, doesn't realize that in the past four years the department, cooperating with Uncle Sam, has reduced the percentage of cows having Bang's disease from 6.7 to 2.6 per cent.

The present loss to the beef cattle and dairy industries from Bang's disease, commonly known as infectious abortion, amounts to \$250,000 a year. The two industries which have \$45,000 head of cattle, are valued at \$25,000,000.

No Cure for Disease There is no cure for Bang's disease, so government agencies must kill the infected cattle. At first, livestock men were reluctant to kill them, but the payment of subsidies changed their minds.

The federal government in 1934 paid \$20 for killing grade animals and \$50 for pure bred, but this was reduced to one-third the difference between the appraised value and the salvage value.

On May 1 a new program will become effective. The state, by a \$52,000 legislative appropriation, will pay \$4 for grade animals and \$6 for pure bred. Counties are expected to pay up to \$5 for grade cattle and \$7.50 for pure bred, while the federal government will match the total of state and county payments.

Humans Subject to Malady The maximum amount available would be \$18 for grade cattle and \$27 for pure bred. Perhaps this won't be enough to compensate the owners for loss of their infected cattle, but it should go a long way toward preventing further losses from the disease.

There is some danger of transmission of Bang's disease to humans, 20 persons having contracted it in the state last year. In humans, who get it through milk from diseased cows, it is called undulant fever.

In 1935 there were more than 25,000 diseased cows in Oregon, but by last year the number had been reduced to about 9,000. And more than 350,000 animals are tested by the department each year.

The department hopes to have as much success as it did in eradicating bovine tuberculosis. For instance, 27 per cent of all Multnomah county's cows had tuberculosis in 1912, whereas the figure now is one-half of one per cent.

Eastern Oregon Hard Hit Bang's disease is responsible for many calving losses, sterility and a reduction in milk production.

The department must concentrate its efforts on eastern Oregon. Gilman county has the worst record with 14.5 per cent of its cows having the disease. Figures for other eastern Oregon counties include Jefferson 9.5, Wheeler 8.6, Crook 8, Grant 6, Klamath 5.9, Baker 5.5, Union 5-1, and Umatilla 4.6.

The western Oregon counties of Douglas and Curry have only one-half of one per cent prevalence of the disease. Other western counties: Clackamas 3, Lane 3, Marion 1.4, Josephine 2.1, Jackson 4.4, Benton 7. All these counties, except Jackson, are well below the state's 2.6 per cent average.

'Holy Grail' Back In Spain Church