

Snow to Stay On Scenic Highways

PORTLAND, Nov. 5—(P)—The state highway commission said Thursday that it will not keep open this winter any roads for scenic and recreational purposes.

The decision was prompted, the commission said, because of depleted funds, gasoline rationing which soon will curb unnecessary travel and military demands for the highway department's snow removal equipment.

The commission authorized \$1750 for 500,000 scenic postcards which will be supplied gratis to men in the armed forces. The cards, which will bear Oregon views, will have a printed invitation: "After the war drive Oregon highways."

D. H. Peoples of Bend, chairman of the Oregon section of the highway 20 committee, requested that the highway running west from Albany through Corvallis to Newport be designated as highway 20.

He explained that No. 20 is the proposed designation for a coast-to-coast highway.

Commission Chairman Henry F. Cabell, commissioner Huron Clough, Engineer R. H. Baldock, Attorney J. M. Devers and Bridge Engineer G. S. Paxson will attend the meeting of the American Association of State Highway Officials at St. Louis December 7-9.

Earlier Thursday, the commission virtually despaired of getting completed two small bridges to the Vancouver ferry slip.

Lindstrom Bros., contractors, told the commission the lumber had been frozen twice, unfrozen once, and tied up another time when AFL men refused to handle it because it was cut by a CIO crew. The Lindstroms wanted to be released from the contract.

The board, however, refused the request and sought new means of releasing the lumber. Delay in the bridge job is delaying installation of bus service between 33rd avenue here and the ferry slip. Lack of bus service is delaying operation of a second ferry to Kaiser shipyards across the Columbia river.

The commission asked for bids on eight rock production jobs but got only three.

Counties and cities were advised to pool their snow removal equipment for this winter.

Adair Mascot Traded Back

CORVALLIS, Nov. 5—(P)—The soldier-sponsors of Carmichael, a black bear, are trading him to a Corvallis menagerie keeper for two monkeys. Carmichael got to be too much of a burden.

He wandered into camp and was domesticated by the soldiers who chained him to their barracks. Carmichael didn't mind the captivity but some camp humanitarians objected. So did the architects. So did a few barracks inmates who couldn't get used to a bear for a neighbor.

The decision to eliminate Carmichael—named after a sergeant, not Jack Benny's polar bear—came after a picture with Florence Merriam, camp hostess. The boys used an apple. Carmichael went nuts about apples, broke into the barracks, stole another apple and topped it off with a tube of shaving cream. Then he took a nap on an empty bunk. Now he's being traded for monkeys.

Democrats Lead Washington Poll

SEATTLE, Nov. 5—(P)—Washington democrats continued to lead republicans in total votes, an analysis of Tuesday's light balloting showed Thursday, but the GOP bettered its statewide percentage showing at the polls in addition to gaining three of the six congressional posts.

With fewer than 100 small, scattered precincts unreported, the total vote reached 408,765, smallest general election turnout in years. Combined democratic vote in the six congressional districts was 216,893, or about 53 per cent, while republican votes totaled 192,872, or 47 per cent.

Congratulations Swamping Snell

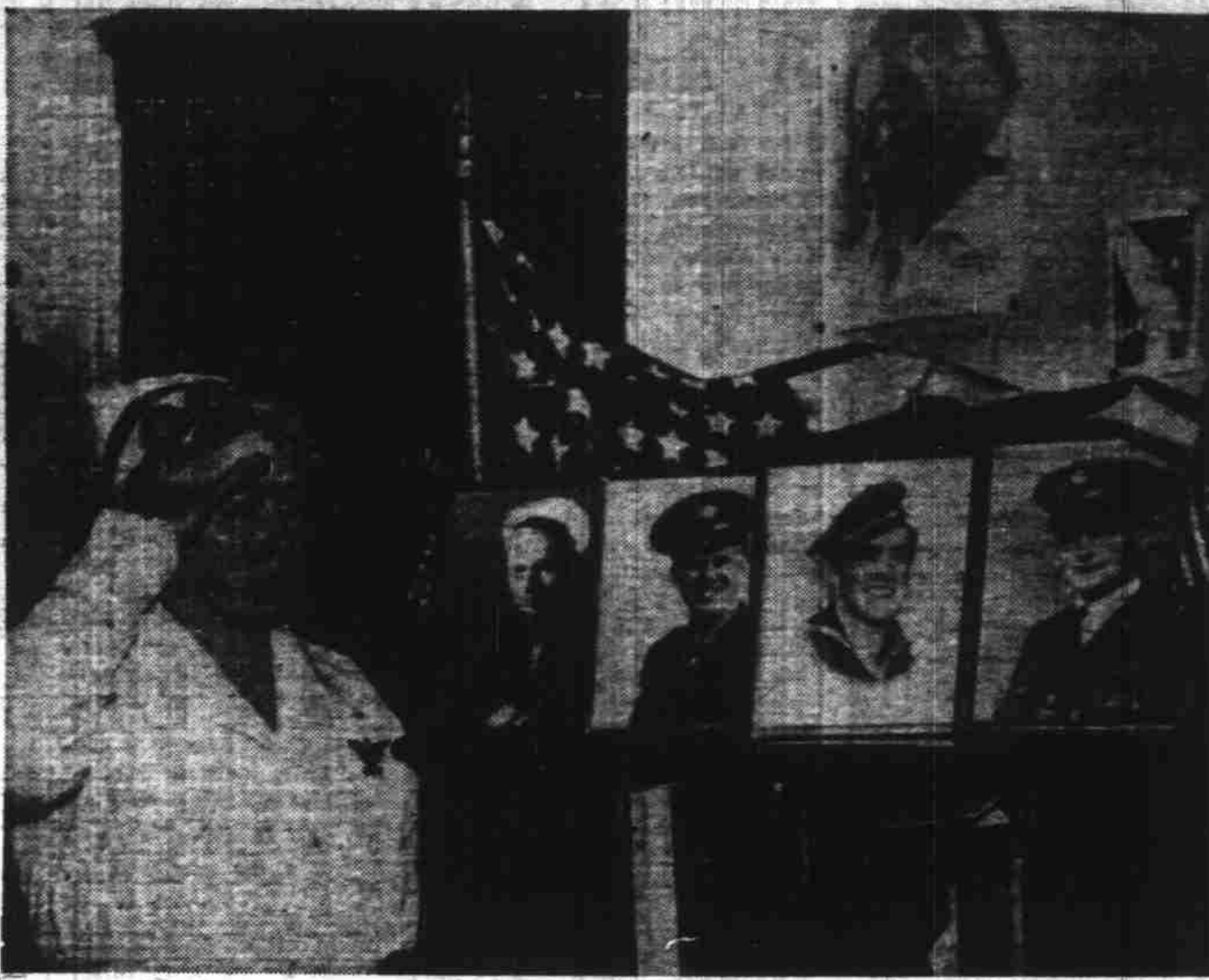
Hundreds of telegrams and letters, congratulating Secretary of State Earl Snell on his election as governor at Tuesday's general election, continued to arrive at the state department here Thursday. Attaches of the office estimated that more than 1500 of these telegrams and letters had been received up to late Thursday afternoon.

Snell returned to Salem late Wednesday after spending election night at The Dalles and the following day in Portland.

Ceiling Rise Asked

PORTLAND, Nov. 5—(P)—Stores demanding higher prices than those of January 10 for remaining stocks of firearms are in the line of fire of the OPA, State Director Richard Montgomery warned Thursday. The ceiling was on the basis of prices then.

Mother of Four Sons in Service Volunteers as Nurse



Mrs. Helen E. Barry of Medford, Mass., salutes the photographs of her four sons, two of whom are in the Pacific. She herself is doing her bit beyond and above the part she already has done by volunteering as a nurse in the John Adams hospital of the Chelsea Soldiers' home in Boston.—HIN Photo.

Suits Filed For Damages In Accidents

Three damage complaints growing out of two summer of 1942 automobile-truck accidents in the Salem area and seeking a total of \$31,235 together with costs and disbursements of the plaintiffs were filed Thursday in Marion county circuit court.

Althea B. Isaacson, as administratrix of the estate of Daisy Cruise, and Irene Scott are plaintiffs in cases brought against Z. C. Brock, truck owner, and Lloyd Leslie, driver of the truck which June 26 struck an automobile driven by E. L. Swanson near the intersection of the penitentiary cutoff road and the Turner road southeast of Salem.

Mrs. Cruise died, a result of injuries received in the accident, in which Swanson, driver of the car in which she rode, was killed outright. Mrs. Scott was injured. The administratrix of the Cruise estate asks \$10,000; Mrs. Scott seeks \$11,235.

The third complaint is by Dorothy M. Roberts, widow of Ramon Clarence Roberts and administratrix of his estate. Brought against A. Colletti, owner of the truck, and Karl E. McClure, driver of the truck which struck Roberts' car as it stood parked at 1:30 a.m. July 18 a half mile north of Salem city limits while Roberts was changing a tire, causing Roberts to be struck and killed, the complaint asks \$10,000. It declares that Roberts' car had been driven onto the shoulder of the highway and that the Colletti freight truck was driven in excess of 50 miles per hour.

Snell to Have Jobless Week

Secretary of State Earl Snell, elected governor of Oregon Tuesday, will be without a job during the period January 4 to 11, next year.

Snell's term as secretary of state terminates on January 4 and he will not be inaugurated as governor until a week later.

The state constitution provides that terms of all elective state officials, except that of the governor, expire on the first Monday of January, following the general election. Further provision is made that the governor shall be inaugurated by the legislature on the first day of its session.

The legislature meets the second Monday of next January. "I will find plenty to do during that week," Snell told newspapermen.

They'll Keep 'Em on Farm With Electricity Says REA

By HENRY B. JAMESON

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5—(P)—You still laugh at the story about the city boy who asked his grandfather how he persuaded the cows on his farm to give milk in bottles.

Well, maybe the kid wasn't so dumb after all . . . The cows may never learn to use the bottles, but the bottles may learn to do the milking.

The idea sounds screwy, sure. So did the steamboat, the locomotive and the airplane, in their time.

But that's just a sample of how the government's expert farm planners are thinking about the "farms of the future."

They say wider use of electricity after the war will bring many revolutionary changes to American farming, to make life on the farm much easier and more attractive to the younger generation.

Among other things, farmers may be plowing with electric tractors, using high frequency soil treatment in place of fertilizers, pasteurizing their own milk and waking the chickens an hour earlier with bedside buzzers.

Says M. M. Samuels, chief of the technical standards division of the rural electrification administration:

"This time we won't have so much trouble keeping the boys 'down on the farm' after they've had a look at Reykjavik, Singapore, Berlin, Tokyo or any other place they'll see during the war." "They'll be coming back to a better farm life—a life with vastly improved comfort, convenience and economic opportunity."

"After the last war the boys returned to our highly industrialized and highly centralized economy to find that the city was the only place that offered adequate opportunity. Contrast that with the situation today—the growing trend toward decentralization, toward location of small, individual-owned industries in rural areas where ample electric power is available.

"When some of the inventions now held up by the war—many are just sleeping and others are being constantly improved—are finally transplanted into equipment for farm electrification, I see no reason why the American farm shouldn't be the world's best place to live."

Samuels said a farm boy shouldn't be blamed for wanting to escape from "the endless drudgery of the old-style farm, where a man's time was never his own, and where the womenfolk, slaved in the kitchen with only primitive equipment."

He made it sound like the farm-

George Cohan Dies at 64 Of Illness

NEW YORK, Nov. 5—(P)—Broadway was a quiet street Thursday as producers, playwrights, actors and others who frequent that noisy lane of entertainment mourned the death of one of the greatest showmen of our times. Just at daybreak, at 5 a.m., George M. Cohan died peacefully in his Fifth avenue apartment after a serious illness that kept him more or less incapacitated for about a year.

He was 64 years old, and only a few weeks ago he said that he was recovered enough to take another of his long habitual walks

in Central park and also said that he soon was planning another appearance on Broadway both as actor and producer.

President Roosevelt was one of the first to express his sympathy to Cohan's widow.

"A beloved figure is lost to our national life in the passing of your devoted husband," he telegraphed. "He will be mourned by millions whose lives were brightened and whose burdens were eased by his genius as a tumbler and as a dispeller of gloom. My heartfelt sympathy to you and all the family."

Funeral services will be held in St. Patrick's cathedral Saturday at 10 a.m. (EWT) with burial in the family mausoleum in Woodlawn cemetery.

The son of a family act that was famous in vaudeville, Cohan, who was born at Providence, R.I.

on July 4, 1878, was an actor since the age of 7. One of his first roles was in "Peck's Bad Boy." As a boy he wrote one-act plays for his family, the four Cohans, and he also wrote songs for Lottie Gilson and Maggie Cline, two outstanding variety stars of those days.

Cohan, a quietspoken man who always said that his office was in his hat, wrote more than 40 plays, about 100 songs and scores of vaudeville sketches. He was awarded the Congressional medal for his "outstanding contributions to the American spirit" which included many patriotic songs including the famous "Over There."

He was a man who was the personification of Broadway, and he never liked Hollywood although he went west a few times to make some movies. In addition to his play and song writing,

he became a producer when he met Sam H. Harris, who had been interested in some amateur theatricals in Philadelphia.

Heart Attack Fatal

PORTLAND, Nov. 5—(P)—A heart attack killed John S. Cunningham, 37, board of control investigator, Thursday while he was making a telephone call. The widow and a son survive.

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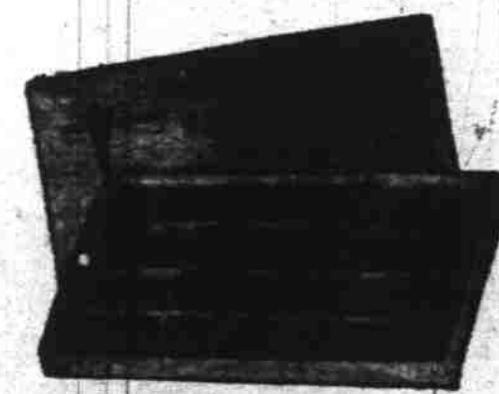
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