

Highway Plans To Proceed For Postwar

Now that it has on file the suggestions of all county courts in Oregon, the state highway commission will proceed without delay to outline its postwar construction program, it was declared Wednesday by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

The commission has conferred with all of the courts and with the Multnomah county commission and has received formal reports from 20 of the counties.

First step in the commission's postwar program, Baldock said, will be that of coordinating the postwar suggestions of all the counties with a view of keeping the proposed expenditures within its revenues. Under a bill now pending in congress Oregon is expected to receive approximately \$19,000,000 annually for three years after the close of the war.

Baldock estimated that a least six months will be required to draft the commission's first tentative postwar construction program and this may have to be altered from time to time to meet changing conditions. The highway engineer said postwar suggestions already received from the counties and other sources aggregate in excess of \$300,000,000.

Neither Baldock nor members of the state highway commission would comment on what improvements are contemplated. They indicated, however, that some of the heaviest traveled highways would receive first consideration.

Tuna Skipper Hopes Vanish

DEPOE BAY, Oct. 13—(P)—Hope that Jesse Odoms, jr., skipper of the beached tuna vessel Jackie J., might have been rescued at sea vanished today with the arrival here of the last fishing boat. Odoms, whose name was earlier given as Jess Oldon, is survived by the widow, Georgia, a son, and his mother, Mrs. Hazel Odoms of Camas, Wash. The Jackie J., which washed ashore Monday at Nelscott with Earl R. Olsen, a crew member, drowned in the cabin, has been released to Mrs. Odoms for repair.

Another storm victim, Thomas A. Cannon, 60, of Reedsport, was washed ashore at Seaside yesterday, several miles from the battered hull of his fishing boat.

Soldiers Ask How Folks Take War

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(P)—The first question American fighting men stationed in the European war theater ask visitors from home is "how do the folks back in the States think the war is going?" Jack Benny reported today.

The comedian, who recently returned from entertaining service men stationed in Africa, the middle east, Italy and Iceland, said "when the news reports were good the boys would get excited and were inclined to be optimistic about how soon the war would end."

Benny, guest of honor at a luncheon at the "21" club, said "I wasn't nearly killed and have no Frank Merriwell story to tell."

Private Capital To Build Houses

The sixty dwelling units to be erected in Dallas under a "war housing" project just approved will be permanent structures and will be built with private capital, Frederick A. Cuthbert, senior housing representative in the national housing agency administrator's office in Portland, said while in Salem on Wednesday.

For the reason, among others, that war housing projects built with federal money add to the national debt, the agency endeavors in every case to encourage construction with private capital, Cuthbert said.

Hermann and Benito in Berlin



Hitler's unpublished photo of ex-Duce Benito Mussolini, looking rather thin, and Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering (minus uniform), taken in Berlin, was radiated from Switzerland. Mussolini has been released from Italian castle to which, it is said, he was held prisoner by Germans. (International Soundphoto.)

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Staff Sgt. Richard Smith, above, cabled his wife in Salem this week from New Guinea saying he is well and will write soon. Sgt. Smith went overseas in March, 1942, with the Oregon National Guard unit mobilized in the fall of 1940. Mrs. Smith also received four V-mail letters from her husband last week. In one of these he mentioned that his unit had been in action for some time but was at the time of writing getting a few days of rest.

Kent Roger McVey, navy aviation radio man, third class, is home on a 10-day leave and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McVey, 1343 Sixth street, West Salem. He has been stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Daryl L. Colwell, aviation machinist mate second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colwell of 222 North Church street, has returned to the naval air base at Alameda, Calif., after spending his 15-day leave with his parents here.

Harry B. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Parker, route five, was graduated last week as a navigator at San Marcos air field, Texas. His course there included some 15,000 miles of flying, the ratio being one hour in the air to five spent in ground study. Young Parker has received the navigator's silver wings and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces.



Tyrrell A. Williamson, petty officer second class in the Seabees, spent his leave in Salem recently with his wife and son, Charles, at their home, 1045 Madison street. Williamson is stationed at Gulfport, Miss.

Frederick Walter Worrall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Worrall of Glen Creek drive, was promoted October 1 to second class petty officer in the navy, according to word received by his parents. Worrall, who enlisted August 10, 1942, previously was employed by the American News company. He is stationed in the Pacific area.

ROBERTS — Aviation Cadet Raymond Ringwald has returned to Yuma, Ariz., after a ten-day furlough which he spent visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ringwald.

"Just a note to tell you how much I appreciated getting my first issues of The Statesman. They arrived yesterday and were from May 16 to July 2 inclusive. Don't make any difference how late they arrive or how irregular just so they come."

Thus writes 1st Lt. Garold I. Simpson, whose letter discloses

that he was "somewhere around" when Salamaua was captured. The letter continues:

"Little did I think some 18 years ago when Mr. Edwards would let me sleep in the paper chute while waiting to go on my route that I would be reading the same paper in (censored). If I told you that the same Statesman was read in Salamaua you probably would not believe me. The censor will not let me say that is a fact but draw your own conclusions from radio reports of that never-to-be-forgotten day of September 12.

"It has been pretty rough going the last two months, and when we took this place the boys looked pretty tired and ragged. Thanks to the Jap quartermaster most of us were able to get a complete linen sailor suit that they had abandoned. The Yanks look a bit peculiar in them but they were at least clean and cool and will get us by until new clothes arrive for us.

"At one time this was no doubt a beautiful spot but the war changed that. Now it is a hot, filthy mess. If the Japs army is as unsanitary in their living conditions throughout as we have found them I don't see how their army exists.

"All the local boys are fine and still plenty rugged. Please give my regards to everyone and thanks again for your swell paper. A special hello to Mr. Edwards."

C. W. Earnest, electrician's mate second class in the navy, has just returned to the east coast to report for duty after a 16-day leave at home in Salem. He has been serving in the North Atlantic for six months. Formerly an employee of the Portland General Electric company, he joined the Seabees on October 6, 1942. Mr. Earnest, who spent the last nine months in Rhode Island, is now at home with their 18-month-old daughter, Karen Lee, at 890 Cade street.

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(P)—The navy announced the enlistments today of Cecil A. Ketchum, Newberg, and William J. Minter, Salem.

ST. LOUIS — Cpl. Leslie Manning, who is in Lincoln, Neb., writes to his relatives that he is getting along fine and is feeling well. He reports that the mornings are cool there but thinks the weather is grand because it turns warm during the day just like spring weather.

Sgt. Francis Schomus of St. Louis parish recently wrote to his parents that he has just been made a sergeant, and was glad to get the rating.

DAYTON — Wendell Willard, jr., aviation machinist's mate third class, is home on a short leave before taking final training in Rhode Island. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Willard, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Willard, in the Neck district.

WEST SALEM — Pvt. Larry Wallace of Camp Horn, Calif., has been home on a 15 day furlough and Robert Wallace, second class seaman, has been home on a 15 day leave. He returned Sunday to Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho, where he is stationed. Larry returned to his station Wednesday.

LYONS — Relatives and friends of Pvt. Alvin Garrison recognized him in an Associated Press telephoto appearing Friday in which wounded men, of which he was one, were being inspected by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., commander of the US seventh army which swept through Sicily. Last word had been received from Pvt. Garrison on August 21 although he previously had written his father, Levi Garrison, that he was with Gen. Patton in Sicily.

Oregon Fliers Win Decorations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—(P)—Three Oregon men serving with the eighth bomber command of the US army eighth air force in England, have been decorated for destruction of an enemy aircraft, the war department announced today.

Sgt. Hugh W. Russel, Portland, and Sgt. Harry K. Chambers, Albany, received the bronze oak leaf cluster to add to their already-won air medals.

Sec. Lt. George V. Nicolescu, Richland, was awarded the air medal.

URGENT TURN IN WASTE FATS FOR GUNPOWDER Approved by the War Production Board. Paid for by Industry.

War Contract Cancellation Rumor Denied

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 13—(P) Rumored cancellations of war contracts in the Pacific northwest because of the manpower shortage were denied today by Admiral H. L. Vickery, head of the maritime commission, and Ralph A. Bard, assistant secretary of the navy.

In a telegram to L. C. Stoll, state war manpower commission director, Vickery asserted that the maritime commission does not contemplate any curtailment of steel shipbuilding in the Pacific northwest.

"Three yards in the Portland area now have definite contracts to January 1, 1945," the telegram said.

D. K. MacDonald, president of the Seattle chamber of commerce, earlier said indications were that 37 of the 77 Washington and Oregon shipyards might not have their contracts renewed.

Bard, in a separate telegram, said "the only curtailment of existing contracts in the area contemplated are minor adjustments to meet the changing demands of the war effort and to release manpower if and when needed to handle essential ship repair work."

TULSA, Okla.—(P)—Gene Esterline, manager of a men's clothing store, has featured this slogan for years: "Two suits for the price of one."

Today he got a similar deal. His wife presented him with twins. There's only one thing wrong. They're girls and can't take advantage of the "two for one" suit bargains.

Letters From Servicemen Tell Details of Military Life

From three young men who formerly made her residence their home, Mrs. Monroe Cheek, 775 Ferry street, receives letters which compete with such volumes as "Ozzie" St. George's "C/O Postmaster," in their description of details of military life and recounting of experiences.

Not the least of these correspondents is her son, Cpl. Oren McDowell, jr., who wrote her recently from Camp Edwards, Mass., telling that among his campmates are the members of a British anti-aircraft unit supposed to be England's finest. They fought in the battle of Britain and some of them have had experience in Africa, McDowell writes.

Cpl. McDowell's wife, the former Sylvia Fleit, who was employed in offices of the state unemployment compensation commission prior to her marriage a year ago, is living in a Cape Cod town not far from the camp.

From Lt. H. G. "Gordy" Wilson, who lived in Mrs. Cheek's home while he was attending Willamette there recently came a letter including this bit of description:

"About the best thing that has happened to me recently is the opportunity of spending six days in a rest camp in the foothills of the Atlas mountains. It was really marvelous and though I am not very good at description I shall try to tell you about a little of it. To begin with, it is in a resort hotel taken over by the air corps for combat officers and it accommodates about 150 men at a time. It is on the outskirts of a little French village about 5000 feet high and surrounded by real trees and hills.

"The village is all French architecture and very clean. There was much to do, shooting, fishing, tennis, softball, swimming in a swell big pool, bicycle riding and, of course, hiking. Then in the evening they usually gave us a movie or had a dance and invited as feminine companions the local French girls many of whom were just vacationing from the coast cities of Casablanca, Marrakech and other places. They, too, were very nice, though, of course, a poor substitute for a WU co-ed.

"The food and beds though took the top of the list for being something out of a book and we had such un-African delicacies as ice cream (all you could eat), steak (the first in a long while) and fresh butter and vegetables. All this served by waiters on tables and in a large cool dining room. The rooms had hot and cold running water and in the lobby were very comfortable chairs and quite a bit of reading material with a good radio. All in all, it was so wonderful after the desert that I hated to leave. I shall be glad when the fall of the year arrives, for then, at least, it will be somewhat cooler.

"We have rigged up an improvised shower arrangement here that works pretty good as we have an old Italian water tank and by connecting up the fire pump from the tank to a horizontal pipe we have a four-man shower with all the pressure that is wanted . . ."

"We follow the war quite closely over here but the news is not always easy to get but it is interesting to watch the maneuvers developing. I have been to Sicily and it is really a nice little island.

Very peaceful and the climate is much better than parts of Africa."

Ensign Wallace M. Turner, formerly of Willamette, writes of experiences aboard a destroyer, where he is disbursing officer, is in charge of commissary, stores and a division of 20 men, has a place on the coding board and more recently has been given the job of operating the ship's stove.

"In this store," writes Turner, who went from Willamette back to the University of Minnesota for graduate work in business administration prior to entering the naval reserve, "we sell candy, tobacco, pipes (in three price ranges), gloves, clothing, toilet articles, knives, stationery, ink, and pens (when we can get the latter), peanuts, thread, needles, and other odds and ends. The store is just a breath larger than a telephone booth, but we sell about \$75 or \$100 worth of merchandise a day in it. That is pretty good considering we have only about 300 prospective customers. Of course, it is only fair to admit that the absence of competition helps to keep our sales figure up.

"The fellows more or less jokingly refer to the store as the 'gyp joint.' And the storekeepers and I always counter with the reply that they can take it or leave. Since the next store is usually a long way off and practically inaccessible, they usually take it."

Turner tells how he rationed candy "because I don't want the crew filling up on candy, spoiling their meals and fussing about the food. You can see I'm getting quite paternal; little did I ever think candy and spoiled appetites would ever concern me. But you know as well as I do that getting a person to the table hungry is about half the job of serving a satisfactory meal . . ."

"As an interesting sidelight," Turner continues later, "in the way of making the world seem a lot smaller, while taking on flour,

Knitter Receives Sailor's Thanks For Watch Cap

NORTH HOWELL — Women in this district who knitted articles for the soldiers, sailors, marines and merchant marines, were rewarded when Mrs. Gladys Waltman received a letter from Irv Mark, in the merchant marine, expressing appreciation for the cap which he had received and which furnished warmth and comfort during his two trips to Australia on troop transport convey.

The women were provided with yarn last winter and knitted a dozen watch caps for men in the merchant marine. Each knitter's name and address was sewn inside the cap. The Home Economics club members purchased the yarn and sent the finished articles to the merchant marine office in San Francisco.

Knitters included Mrs. Waltman, Mrs. W. M. Oddie, Mrs. Perle Wood and Mrs. Jessie Coomler.

LONDON—(P)—Jitterbugging has been given the heave ho by London hot spots where American soldiers have been going to cut a rug.

Covent Garden, biggest dance hall in town, led off with the ban and others have followed suit.

The reason: Kicks from less effusive dancers who said they were bruised by the jitterbugs throwing their partners.

I noticed about half of what we received was milled in Astoria, Oregon! Then the next day I picked up some canned fruit to read the label out of curiosity, and what did I find but that it had been packed by Ray Maling in Hillsboro, Oregon!"



Wood engraving by H. M. Cornick after oil painting by James Chapin

YES!

Lucky Strike

Means Fine Tobacco

