

Highway Commission Approves \$7,602,000 Salem Traffic Plan

Bridge at Marion, 1-Way Traffic, 99E By-Pass Proposed

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PORTLAND, Jan. 25—(AP)—The state highway commission today approved a \$7,602,000 long-range program to speed traffic through Salem.

The commission did not adopt a traffic-changing program recommended for Salem by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, but it did say after study of the proposal:

"It is a feasible and practical solution of the highway needs of both the primary highway and city street users in the Salem area."

The proposal calls for two bridges, each carrying one-way traffic, between Salem and West Salem. It would set up a one-way

The Salem Long Range Planning commission will meet Thursday night to review the report of the state highway department on Salem traffic problems. The commission had recommended a bridge at Division street, but made no recommendation as to routing of highway 99E through or around Salem.

Baldock said \$4,307,000 worth of the work was needed immediately, and recommended that it be started as soon as funds are available.

The following recommendations for changes to meet traffic needs in and near Salem were made:

1. Build a new two-lane bridge at Marion street for one-way westbound travel, and use the existing center street span for one-way eastbound travel. Both would come to grade at Commercial street. Estimated cost \$2,900,000; cost of immediate program \$1,867,000.

2. Build a new circumferential highway east of the city on a line about 1/2 mile west of Lancaster drive and swinging to connect with 99E at Battle creek about three and one-half miles south of the present 12th street Y.

Pending construction of this new highway, Lancaster drive would be used to a point south of Four Corners and then with a short connection to the new right-of-way a two-lane road be built along the permanent line.

Estimated cost of new highway \$3,277,000; cost of temporary program, including right-of-way cost for entire line, \$1,500,000.

3. To handle traffic into and through Salem on 99E, contract with the city council to establish a system of one-way streets. This grid system would also be required to handle the traffic onto and off of two bridges. Approval by the city council would be required.

Estimated cost of widening and resurfacing certain streets \$1,425,000; immediate cost \$940,000.

Further study be made on the location of North Santiam highway, Oregon 222.

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The presentation, an annual affair of the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, was made by Frank Ward, president of the club. He praised Higby for his continued and active work with the youth of the city.

The selection was made by a group of Salem business men. Last year's winner was Steve Anderson, for his activity in political, civic and church affairs.

Also honored at the banquet were Gordon Keith and Nelson Hickok, members of the Junior Chamber, who received Key-Man awards.

Featured speaker, Bruce Kelley, national Jaycee vice president, cited outstanding examples of attainment by young men in the history of the world. Speaking on the topic "Youth's Goal and Attainment," he related incidents from the lives of Arturo Toscanini, Lewis and Clark, Jason Lee, George Gerstwin and Walt Disney, all of whom had attained prominence while still young men.

Supplemental appropriations of \$2,000,000 for the Detroit dam has been recommended by President Truman, Ivan Oakes, executive secretary of the Willamette River Basin commission, was notified in a telegram from Senator Guy Gordon Tuesday.

This fund, if voted by congress will be available for spending during the current fiscal year. Already appropriated for the Detroit project is \$9,753,000, which with the new amount will permit completion of the dam by the fall of 1952.

Also recommended in the supplementary budget are \$8,000,000 for the McNary dam, and \$2,500,000 to supplement fund made available for flood control emergencies in last spring's Columbia River flood damage.

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Senate Kills Lt. Governor Bill after Debate

26-Day Cold Spell Sets Record for Salem

Slight Relief in Form of Snow, Rain Forecast

Salem headed into its 26th consecutive day of sub-freezing weather Wednesday—a new record for long cold spells—and the weatherman promised to take a little of the edge off the "big freeze" with slightly warmer temperatures accompanied by rain or snow tonight.

The mercury stood at 20 degrees at midnight Tuesday to break a 19-year-old record for consecutive days when the thermometer went below the freezing mark. The old record, which stretched 25 days from January 5 to 30, 1930, was the longest cold spell in the 53-year-old annals of the Salem weather bureau.

Forecasts for Salem were for a maximum of 37 degrees today, considerably warmer than Tuesday's winter low of 32.2. While Tuesday's minimum of 13 degrees failed to eclipse the season low of 11, the maximum barely topped the freezing mark.

Along with the warmer temperatures, forecasts were for rain or snow or both tonight, and a Thursday low near 24. An import of warmer air from Alaska Tuesday night was expected to raise the temperatures throughout the northwest. But following the brief respite, the weather was expected to return to clear and cold again.

The Lee Feed and Seed company, 290 S. Liberty st., suffered unestimated damage Tuesday when a sprinkler system froze and burst, flooding stock in the building. Clarke E. Lee, owner of the company, said a survey of damage would be taken today.

The power emergency continued critical Tuesday. For the second consecutive day Bonneville administration cut frequency a half-cycle. Peak power demand was listed at 3,052,000, compared with 2,896,000 a week ago.

The state board of control, in a report filed with the legislature Tuesday, refused either to recommend or reject a proposal to enlarge the state capitol building at a cost approximating \$2,000,000.

The report was based on findings of Francis Keally, New York, who served as architect on the present capitol structure.

Under Keally's proposal the addition would extend south of the current capitol building and would include space for a museum on the street level, three floors of offices and committee rooms, basement and sub-basement and two parking areas.

The entire present capitol building cost approximately \$2,300,000. The board of control called attention of the lawmakers to the fact that a new state office building now is under construction here. A new highway commission building also is proposed, the board pointed out.

Keally also recommended \$77,000 worth of minor changes in the present building.

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Hay Dumped for Starving Livestock



ELY, Nev., Jan. 24—A bale of hay goes out the back door of a C-82 to feed starving cattle marooned on eastern Nevada, 65 miles north, northeast of here. This particular drop, one of many, was for an isolated cattle ranch. Seventeen C-82's are dropping feed to some 185,000 animals on snowbound ranges. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Planes, Bulldozers, Trucks Rush Feed to Snowbound Western Cattle

Planes, army bulldozers, trucks and foot parties were pressed into the battle to save snowbound western livestock Tuesday. The rescue operation was one of the most widespread of its kind ever undertaken.

Meanwhile, new cold, snow, sleet and floods hit various sections in the western half of the country.

In Washington, a senate committee approved a \$750,000 emergency fund to finance rescue work in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota and sections of North Dakota and Montana. The South Dakota legislature considered a \$100,000 special disaster fund.

Gov. Val Peterson declared a state of emergency in parts of blizzard-lashed Nebraska.

Peterson asked Fifth army headquarters in Chicago for 300 bulldozers, 25 to 30 "weasels" and all the snow removal equipment available. He said 20 of the state's 93 counties are in "dire" need of help and starving cattle in a 27,500-mile area are weakening rapidly.

A thick blanket of snow that trapped more than a hundred thousand range cattle and more than a million sheep extended from western California to the Dakotas.

The most severe snow storms since 1895 blanketed northern Arizona and new snow swept into southern California and Nevada. At Flagstaff, Ariz., 39.1 inches has fallen since Sunday morning and 67 inches remains on the ground.

The U. S. air force continued its "haylift" operations in the snow-covered Nevada livestock ranges, hauling in feed in their big "flying boxcars." The fliers "bombed" cattle or ranges inaccessible by truck.

In similar "precision bombing" Monday, airmen dropped fodder directly on three ranches to feed 10,000 sheep. The feed is being brought to Ely, Nev., from Fallon, 210 miles to the west.

In nearby Utah, a similar haylift was operated by two C-47 transports of the Utah national guard.

3 Brothers Held in Connection With Rape Cases in Mid-Valley

Three brothers of the Silverton area were in custody of Sheriff H. A. Southard at Albany today after being arrested by state police in connection with three vicious rape cases involving Monmouth, Albany and Brownsville girls.

Capt. Ray Howard of the Salem state police district said all three had admitted participation in one or more of the cases. He listed the suspects as William John Perkins, Jr., 24, Clatsop Perkins, 19, and Merle Clayton Perkins, 16.

The trio was to be brought before the justice of the peace at Albany today. They were arrested on John Doe warrants.

State police also said that Clackamas county rape victims were to view the trio to ascertain whether they might have been implicated in assaults in that area. William and Merle Perkins, state police said, will be charged with having raped a Monmouth girl last May and the Brownsville girl on January 17 of this year.

William and Cletus Perkins face charges in connection with the rape of an Albany woman last June 30.

State Workers' \$20 Pay Boost Introduced

By Lester Cour
Staff-Writer, The Statesman

Two measures proposing a lieutenant governor for Oregon were killed in the senate Tuesday after a stormy, 90-minute debate.

Heated argument arose over a senate joint resolution introduced by Sens. Richard Neuberger, Portland, and R. D. Holmes, Gearhart.

Four members of the elections and privileges committee reported the measure out "do not pass." Neuberger, a member of the committee, signed a minority report urging adoption of his "do pass" recommendation.

The senate, by a 21 to 7 vote, killed Neuberger's report and adopted the majority report by an overwhelming voice vote. The action automatically killed another similar measure introduced by Sens. Thomas Mahoney and Jack Bain, Portland democrats.

Even aside from the prolonged senate debate, both houses were busy Tuesday. Nineteen new measures were introduced in the house and 16 hit the senate. The house passed four bills and the upper chamber three.

Measures submitted in the senate would allow newsmen to refuse to disclose news sources in courts; permit voters to register by mail; give additional power to the game commission and create a three-man board to study making state laws uniform to those in other states.

Forestry Bills Pass
Three forestry department bills passed in the senate and sent to the house would give the department unlimited time rights in use of forest roads; boost the department's revolving fund from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and require loggers east of the Cascade mountains to obtain permits before starting operations.

A resolution introduced in the house would give all state employees except those with salaries set by law, a \$20 monthly cost-of-living pay boost effective until June 30, 1949.

House bills submitted would increase the tax on butterfat from 1/2 to 1 cent a pound, give permanently disabled workmen benefit increases from 40 to 100 per cent, and provide for local liquor option elections by precincts as well as by counties.

Acid remarks flew freely as Neuberger argued with Sen. Frank H. Hill, Portland, a committee member who signed the "do not pass" report on the lieutenant governor measure.

The debate involved personalities of former Gov. John H. Hall and Lt. Gov. Victor A. Meyers of Washington, and the Young Republican Federation of Oregon.

Neuberger contended all the people should elect the successor to the governor instead of the senate. The senate president succeeds the governor under present law.

Neuberger pointed out that the proposal was approved by the Young Republican clubs in their 1948 state convention. Hilton said the young republicans were "immature and not informed or they would not have made such a recommendation."

"I don't know," Neuberger countered, "whether the young republicans are immature or whether the old republicans are ossified."

Other new house measures introduced Tuesday would provide that only Oregon residents may hunt on their own property with a license; prohibit anyone from keeping wild game birds or animals as pets; coordinate legal shooting time under game laws with federal regulations and prohibit deer, elk, antelope or big game hunters from getting more than one license and bar them from transferring licenses.

Changes Tax Status
The house passed and sent to the senate bills to tax as personal property mobile equipment such as welders and concrete mixers; provide reforestation taxes; levy interest on taxes for property not placed on tax rolls by the required time, and regulate appeals to boards of tax equalization and the state tax commission.

The senate will act today on a house resolution calling for a five-man joint legislative committee to investigate the statewide housing shortage.

One measure before the house would raise income tax exemptions for veterans with more than 40 per cent disability \$1,500 to \$2,000. Both the house and senate resume at 10 a.m.

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Conservative Baptists Meet in Salem



Today will mark the end of a two day conference of Oregon Conservative Baptist church representatives being held at the Salem First Baptist church. Shown above after morning sessions Tuesday, are, left to right, the Rev. Kenneth A. Tobias, Bend, who is moderator of the conference and counseling committee chairman, Dr. John Turnbull of the Salem Bible Book House, who gave the keynote sermon Wednesday; and Dr. Gabriel K. Guedj, pastor of the Memorial Baptist church at Fresno, Calif. (Statesman photo.)

500 Delegates Form Permanent Organization

More than 500 persons attending a meeting of the Conservative Baptist churches of Oregon here Tuesday made permanent a provisional counseling committee and empowered it to call another meeting to further organization of the conservative churches.

Although 54 Oregon Baptist churches were represented at the meeting, the actual group now in the organization stage centers around the 28 churches which were

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