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WORK PROJECTS FOR EUGENE

UNDER the leadership of the Building Congress, plans are being whipped into shape for the development of various work projects here so that this city can share in the \$3,300,000,000 program which the Roosevelt administration is sponsoring.

A new library and a new infirmary at the University, a new west side grade school to replace antiquated Lincoln and abandoned Geary, a city sewage disposal plant, new trunk sewers for the city, a municipal auditorium, a new city hall, a new county jail—these are some of the projects under consideration.

The federal government donates 30 per cent toward projects which can qualify as "self-liquidating." It is ready to advance the other 70 per cent in 40-year loans at a very low rate of interest, probably not more than 3 1/2 per cent.

"You can't borrow yourself rich," says Old Timer who is only too familiar with the present bonded debt problems of city, schools and county.

True enough! Yet much of the standing debt trouble is due to improper borrowing methods, deferred payments, high interest rates. Also the 30 per cent donation from "the Federal Gift Shoppe" is not to be overlooked. True we help pay even for the 30 per cent, but if we fail to take our share of what is offered, other cities will take our share of what is available and theirs too and we will still have the privilege of paying.

(It is worth noting that Salem and Portland and Grants Pass have voted for sewage disposal projects, La Grande for a power plant.)

The deciding point in every case should be: Is this project one which is really needed?

There can be no argument that the west side school is something we will have to build sooner or later. The new trunk sewers are made inevitable by old ones flooding. Sewage disposal may come by state board of health command, if we don't accept it voluntarily. In our opinion neither a city hall nor a jail should be considered without investigating the practicability of a combined county-city building.

So far, Eugene is lagging in getting its plans in shape, in spite of the efforts of the Building Congress. Not a dime of federal help will be available till a definite program is shaped and agreed on. One of the things which the new Recovery Committee under Ed Morris might do is give the Building Congress a lift in coordinating and putting life into this public works program.

What is needed is never a bad investment (properly planned). What is spent on local labor comes back. We need careful planning and also plenty of punch in this program.

TRAVEL ON THE PACIFIC

WHERE are the heavy-travel sections on the Pacific highway? Where does the heavy travel come from? What makes heavy travel? From time to time the state highway commission makes actual traffic counts. It made one on June 15 this year between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. and the results are rather interesting.

At a point five miles south of the Portland city limits the total traffic count was 5,854; at Oswego bridge, 3,454; at Aurora, 2,486; at the north city limits of Salem, 3,253; south of Salem at the cutoff junction, 1,731; near Jefferson, 1,839; near Halcyon, 998; north of West Side Junction in Junction City, 1,080; south of it, 1,971; at Santa Clara, 1,990; south of Eugene and west of the McKenzie junction, 1,155; south of the McKenzie junction, 2,367; north of Willamette junction, 1,890; south of Willamette junction, 1,668; at Drain, 1,563; at Coos junction near Roseburg, 1,348; at Redwood junction near Grants Pass, 8,361; one mile south of Medford, 2,376.

The survey gives figures on all other highways and classifications of the various types of traffic, but these highlights on Pacific highway travel are particularly interesting. Outside of the Portland area the most heavily travelled section of road in Oregon is that section between the city limits of Eugene and the Springfield bridge. The north approach through Santa Clara ranks well up in traffic with that near the larger city of Salem. Where the west side route feeds in at Junction City traffic jumps nearly 900 cars.

These figures throw light on why state and federal highway engineers insist that the highway between Junction and Goshen must be rebuilt because it is crooked, too narrow and subject to floods. Or—the "or" can be found by taking a highway map and projecting a line from Corvallis south to Anlauf, the old Territorial road route.

MOBILIZING FOR RECOVERY

THE patriotism which won the World War (if it was won) is to be invoked to stimulate economic recovery in the United States. Ready to exert virtual dictatorship over American industry the Roosevelt administration calls on the civic leadership in each community to become its agents in enforcing the New Deal, fair play between businessmen, fair play between capital and labor. It is to become a patriotic duty to "do your bit" by providing jobs, paying living wages and seeing that others do it.

All the techniques employed during the Liberty Loan drives are to be used in this campaign, and amplified. General Johnson's cohorts in Washington are busily preparing colorful posters and appealing "ads." A wing of the huge new Commerce building at Washington has become a slogan works. Cards and stickers are being prepared for the use of merchants and manufacturers who can show they are cooperating 100 per cent. Housewives are to be organized to boycott those who cannot show that they are 100 per cent.

Public opinion of the nation is to be mobilized against everything which savors of "sweatshop" and it is only a step from this to mobilizing it against excessive profits. General Johnson has declared that his NIRA department is going to operate in a goldfish bowl, meaning thereby to invite publicity to every act. In effect, he is proposing that all industry henceforth shall operate in much the same sort of dish. It is going to be unpatriotic to get rich too fast.

There are serious dangers as well as merits in such a program. It is all too easy for pure patriotic fervor to drift over into mob spirit (and during the Liberty Loan drives we saw plenty of that). No business man is likely to object to reasonable scrutiny of his management by persons competent

to scrutinize, but there will be plenty of trouble if inspiration changes to actual interference.

How many helpers should your garage man, your grocer, your retailer, or the nearby farmer employ? How do you know?

The usefulness of the new movement will be in creating new public sentiment—against such obviously unwholesome practices as over-long hours or starvation wages. It may lead American buyers away from the price tag mania and to the point where they will begin to appraise quality over junk. It can be tremendously helpful in altering the American habit of success-worship wherein dollars glorify the mere skinflint.

Eugene is called upon to organize for the campaign and Eugene will organize and do its bit. We can use the new patriotism here, plenty of it, but the actual readjustment of industry will be another process—the slow and painstaking process of gearing down to market needs and gearing up to price levels, tuning the economic machinery before we give 'er too much gas.

SALES TAX IS OVERWHELMED

BY a four to one vote, the proposed sales tax has been overwhelmed in Oregon. Next to the six to one mandate on the Zorn Macpherson bill the vote stands out as a mandate of the people. There can be no doubt as to what the people of Oregon think about a general sales tax. It is "out" in Oregon.

The sales tax is "out!" We do not mourn for it. By the signs, it is out for keeps, unless in some very restricted form. But the warrant evil hangs over and the problem of tax delinquency, and the problem is just what are we going to do about it. In the state at the present time, property tax delinquency is figured at \$40,000,000. By the end of this year, it will be \$45,210,000, by careful estimates—unless the pickup in business and agriculture and in public morale generally leads to a substantial paying up of present and back taxes. In Lane county, present delinquency is approximately \$1,600,000. By the end of the year it may total \$1,800,000.

The state government is fairly safe because it gets its 3 mills first out of all revenues collected. The counties, cities and schools are in real danger. They are all operating on warrants. As they reach the point where the borrowing gets too far ahead of cash, banks and business houses are compelled to refuse to handle warrants. The warrants of many Lane school districts are already uncashable.

The real pinch in the financial situation is not at Salem, but at home, in every part of the state. The problem isn't merely one of paying off debts (though they are undoubtedly too high and absorb approximately 60 cents out of every tax dollar paid). The problem is how to get enough cash to keep schools running and pay firemen and policemen and perform the ordinary operations of government. How can some of the load which is bankrupting property owners, big and small, be lifted? How can at least 100,000 earners who now pay no taxes of any kind be made to contribute something to government?

The new income tax effective next year is expected to add perhaps \$1,000,000 to state income, but the great need is for relief from the staggering burdens of local property tax. Would an occupation tax (Connecticut style) be more acceptable than a sales tax? Should a special session be called to figure out relief?

The governor is quoted as reluctant to call a special session, at least in the immediate future, feeling that little could be accomplished now, and maybe he is right. But the problem of tax delinquency hangs on like the Old Man of the Sea. Would it be feasible to organize a commission to devise a five-year plan to reorganize Oregon finance? (We know there have been plenty of commissions in the past, but necessity is the mother of invention.) Oregon is not "licked." A plan can be found, and a fair plan, which will salvage public credit and private property, the two biggest assets in any state.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

AT a cost of only 25 cents, anybody may become enrolled as a member of the new organization known as Friends of the University. A membership drive has been launched in Eugene and elsewhere in the state. The money collected for membership is to be used to cover postage on literature giving facts about the University, what it offers to the young people of Oregon. The purpose is to restore confidence of the people in the University and in the whole idea of higher education.

As we see it, membership in the Friends of the University at two-bits is like buying an insurance policy. When the Zorn-Macpherson raiders were doing their stuff last summer, it cost most of us many times two bits to get the warning to the friends of the University out around the state. We learned in that contest that the University has friends, nearly everybody everywhere in Oregon. The problem is to keep the watch-fires burning.

Those of us who live in Eugene can hardly afford not to be enrolled in the Friends of the University. Constructive programs make defensive and repair programs unnecessary.

Al Jolson, the famous "mammy singer" is reported to have socked Mr. Walter Winchell on the snoot. This, according to Ajax McGurk should come under the heading of a genuine "blessed event."

Heroes are made and not born and Blue River Bill says he sees a guy up the river these days who is trying to teach his three small sons to fish.

The great bull market has fallen with a crash. Turned out to be just another baloney market, so to speak.

The voting Friday will also serve to strengthen that delightful impression that all Oregonians have web feet. And maybe also beaks.

Another pleasant result of the voting is that we can now all go back to that delightful game of hide-and-seek. The idea is to find some guy that we can all agree to tax.

No matter what you may think of Soviet Russia, you can afford to give a hand to that Red crew which flew a seaplane all the way up from the Baltic just to help a fool Yank out.

The community pessimist is now going the rounds to remind folks that a wood fire will be feeling pretty good in another month.

One of the mysteries of nature is why on the particular day you go there, the fishing is just a bit off. In Oregon we ought to have a law to prevent the moon from shining during fishing months.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—IN SIX INSTALLMENTS



IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

**ON CITY ENTRANCE**  
EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—  
Tonight's paper tells of "Eugene Projects to Cost \$24,000" and lists improvements suggested for the Pacific Highway through Eugene.

Frankly, Mr. Editor, as you have motored up and down the coast, have you not found one of the sources of greatest irritation in those cities and towns which practically force through traffic to go through the heart of the business district? As you slow way down to let a fair dandelion find a parking place to her liking, or stop to let pedestrians cross in front of you, do you realize that this discipline is not to test your driving ability but to tempt you as enticingly as possible to pause in your mad career and spend money in Bingleville? Do you stop to think that this procedure is based on the assumption that you are a guest for these all-too-long minutes will never have the pleasure of welcoming you again and must avail itself of the opportunity to win you as a loyal booster of the town and spender in the town by holding you in town as long as possible?

I know a city where, as you enter from the south, you really feel like thanking the city fathers for the uninterrupted highway along which you speed happily at 30 to 40 miles per hour along to what seems must be the heart of the city, when—suddenly—an obscure arrow warns you to

leave the boulevard and cross up over (no, not down under) the main railroad line, and you realize with a sickening feeling that you are about to be subjected to the old racket. You slow down, you fill you find yourself in one of the busiest city-centers.

Slowly, you find yourself in one of the busiest city-centers. Suddenly, when it does not seem that traffic could be thicker, you have to turn sharp to the right while trying not to knock off someone's rubber heel. From the frying pan into the fire! You creep for three blocks, when you have to make another dizzy short turn (and barely miss an old brick postoffice), and then you breathe once more as the street widens, the trees meet overhead, and you are courteously arrowed out of town. Yes, you guessed!

Just a minute, Mr. Ed: peek over my shoulder at these short quotations from the June North American Review, taken from a summary thereof in the July Reader's Digest (p. 91): "In the early days of road-building, the village fathers usually insisted that the new highway go through the heart of their community. . . . Today motor cars seldom tarry any longer than necessary. . . . Instead of bringing trade, they frequently bar it. . . . Modern highways are laid out to avoid congested areas. . . . to prevent sharp curves. . . . for speed." What an opportunity Eugene has to become the most popular city on the highway for motorists who want to get there with least delay.

W. O. LEAVITT.

Halsey News

**HALEY, July 22.—(Special).**  
Mrs. E. A. Starnes and daughter Henrietta entertained with a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon, July 20, at the E. D. Isom home, honoring Mrs. Ruth Porter Isom, a recent bride. Games and contests were played. In the last game the winner was Mrs. Isom and she was presented a large box of beautiful and useful gifts as the prize. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. L. B. Bond, Mrs. Hal Howard and daughter Shirley, Mrs. Lester Bond of Albany, Mrs. John Pugh and daughters Phyllis and Nancy, Mrs. C. Mason and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Ellen Zimmerman, Mrs. Eva Maxwell, Miss Virginia Dickson and Miss Charlotte McReynolds all of Shedd and Mrs. Earle Albertson, Mrs. F. G. Gansle and daughter Leila, Mrs. Ralph Danner and daughters Dorothy, Frances and Mary Jane, Mrs. George Worthington and daughter Jean, Mrs. L. D. Taylor, Mrs. J. Willis Hale, Miss Georgia Clark, Mrs. D. C. Rossman and daughter Fern, Mrs. Helen Gansle and daughter Doris, Mrs. Jess Cross and son Barton, Mrs. Vera Isom, Mrs. W. H. Robertson, Mrs. Minnie Cross, Mrs. E. A. Starnes and daughters Henrietta, Hattie and Kathryn, and Mrs. E. D. Isom and daughter Beverly.

About 200 young people from Albany, Corvallis, Philomath, Mill City, Brownsville, Holly, Sweet Home, Crawfordville, Harrisburg, Bellevue and Halsey attended a Christian Endeavor rally at Burlington park on Tuesday evening. A program consisting of a skit by the Holly C. E. readers, songs, accordion solos by Bill King and speeches from the Willamette union officers was given. The young people spent most of the evening singing and talking around a huge bonfire.

Evangelist A. B. McReynolds of Port Worth, Tex., visited at the Willis Hale home Tuesday.

Widely lodge No. 65, I. O. O. F., held their installation of officers on Thursday evening with B. M. Bond as installing officer. The new officers are: Past Noble Grand, C. E. Miller; Noble Grand, Carl Isom; vice-grand, Elias Robins; secretary, F. W. Robins; treasurer, L. D. Taylor; warden, Martin Kootz; conductor, E. D. Isom; chaplain, Wesley Holloway; R. S. N. G. H. A. Starnes; L. S. N. G. Alfred Savage; R. S. N. G. John Beasler; L. S. V. G. P. J. Foster; inside guardian, George Taylor; outside guardian, A. E. Whitehead; musician, J. C. Cross. Four members of

Calapool lodge, Brownsville, were guests. Ice cream and cookies were served.

Wayne Veatch left last week for San Francisco to resume his work after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Veatch. Laurel Saylor of Albany is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell.

Worth Bass of California arrived in Halsey Wednesday to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Muller, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rossman, Mrs. Dora Rossman and Lynn Muller went on a fishing trip to McKenzie Pass last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Penland, Mrs. Mabel Robins and Elias Robins made a trip to Moro this week.

Marcola Notes

**MARCOLA, July 22.—(Special).**  
A surprise birthday party was given for Delano Nielsen Wednesday afternoon in honor of his sixteenth birthday anniversary at the home of Mrs. Norval Neil. Those present were Jack and Barbara Tull, Katherine and Lloyd Thrope, Betty Eastham, Suzanne Schroeder, Betty Jean and Ray Rogers, Howard Haynes, Tommie and Bobbie Mumford, Patty Lou Addington, Charles Cooke, Maxine Neil, Avelta and Delano Nielsen, Mrs. Fred Schroeder, Mrs. Leonard Rogers, Mrs. Norval Neil and Mrs. Olaf Nielsen.

The Mohawk-McKenzie grange met at the I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday evening. The proposed amendments were discussed at the meeting. The committee served a lunch consisting of sandwiches, potato salad, and punch. The committee was Mrs. Brown, Miss Abbey Ford, Mrs. Herb Downing, Mrs. Fred Fischer, and Mrs. J. R. Knowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates and family of Calgary, Alberta, are visiting with Mr. Yates' son, Oscar, and with Mrs. Yates' cousin, Jim Martin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Marchant moved to Westview Wednesday.

W. H. Sullivan made a business trip to Dawson Tuesday. Elma May and Mrs. Sue Rogers accompanied him as far as Junction City where they visited with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snyder of San Francisco visited with Mrs. Snyder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hill, this week.

Miss Hazel Kull of Eugene, instructor at the Mohawk high school, was in Marcola.

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News of Florence

**FLORENCE, July 22.—(Special).**  
The Florence team of the Oregon Coast League traveled to Newport for the scheduled game Sunday with the team of that town and took the contest from the home ground in a final count that gave Florence 15 runs, to 11 for Newport. Of nine games played this far, the win Sunday was the fifth for Florence's nine. For next Sunday's game and the last to be played in the league season, the locals will take on the Reedsport team on the high school diamond here. Reedsport will come with a record of nine victories and no defeats. This game was deferred from the opening of the season when rain prevented the local appearance of the league leading Reedsports.

Mrs. A. W. Chandler returned to her home last Friday after having been in Eugene for the last five weeks where she was confined in the Pacific hospital to undergo a major operation. The last few days of her stay in Eugene was passed with acquaintances.

The Misses Irene and Edith Morgan spent Monday afternoon in Eugene visiting with friends and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Huston and daughter, Miss Faye, of Harrisburg, accompanied by Miss Faye's college classmate, Miss Mabel Turgerson, of Portland, stopped over in Florence Tuesday night while on an auto trip to Chico, Cal., and return. Miss Turgerson is a sister of Miss Margaret Turgerson, who will be one of the local grade school teachers for 1933-34 term here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilmet and son Billie, are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris.

Carl Steinfield was laid up for a day or two this week following an injury Monday sustained when a saw fell on one of his feet and cut a deep gash in the great toe.

Mayor and Mrs. D. M. Kyle and son David, arrived home the last of the week from Long Beach, Cal., where they had been for a time with his father, William Kyle, Sr. Another brother, William Kyle, Jr., and brother, Irvin Smith who are visiting the Kyle home and the William Rynd home.

At Harpole

**HARPOLE, July 22.—(Special).**  
Lagelle Millet has returned home from a month's visit at Bend. She was accompanied home by Helen Dorsey who is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Volmer Bryant have moved to Albany, where Mrs. Bryant has accepted a position as bookkeeper for a garage company. "Buss" will have work with a road crew near there, for the summer.

Those attending the Parkerson-Cheshire reunion, which was held near Eugene, last Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Parkerson and son Kenton, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Parkerson, Levenille Parkerson and Clarence Robinson, William Lingo and mother, Mrs. Amanda Lingo, were Triangle Lake visitors Sunday.

Mr. Moffitt of the River road spent Tuesday evening and night at the Tobe Jacobson home.

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At Thornton Corners

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Mrs. Fred Frost of Cottage Grove and Miss Jean Lowry of Talent visited Thursday with Mrs. J. W. Fisher. Mrs. George Foster is employed this week on the telephone exchange in Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Shaw and Faith and Buddy Schroeder of Canyonville, motored up Sunday to visit Mr. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Shaw, and in the afternoon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Shaw to Eugene where they visited Miss Harriet Ode and Mrs. Mary Eates.

Mrs. J. N. Skaine and Robert Gould of Salem were guests several days last week of Mrs. Skaine's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Arnest were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Teidt and Miss Mary Whetstone, Myrtle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer and daughter, Janet, of Douglas, Arizona, and Fred Teidt, of Juneau, Alaska.

Mrs. J. S. Lake and her sister, Mrs. L. A. Hall, accompanied Mrs. Lake's son, Andrew, to his home at Noti Sunday for several days' visit.

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