

Neuberger Moves to Delay New Logging Road Regulations

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WASHINGTON—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) has moved to delay or block the adoption of new logging road right-of-way regulations on the O&C forest lands of western Oregon—an issue which he contends divides large and small timber operators in the state.

Revised road use regulations are now under consideration by the Bureau of Land Management in the Interior Department. They were recommended to BLM by the O&C Advisory Board at a meeting Jan. 6, after being a controversial subject within the 18-member board. They were adopted by a vote of 8-to-4, with one member abstaining and five absent from the meeting, according to the Bureau.

URGES HEARING

Neuberger wrote Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay to urge that public hearings on the question be held in Oregon by the department before any further action is taken to implement the regulations. But a BLM official told this reporter there was little likelihood of this request being granted.

The freshman senator, however, has laid the matter before the Senate Interior Committee, of which he is a member, and told Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont) that this is a problem "deserving careful review by the committee."

Neuberger, saying he opposed the new regulations, told Murray in a letter that the committee should request McKay to hold them up until hearings are held in Oregon and the committee has reviewed the entire issue.

Neuberger has just been assigned to the public lands subcommittee, which presumably would deal with the matter if Murray and the full committee approve.

"The present regulations governing use of access roads are of

great importance to logging in the O&C forests and thus to the entire economy of Oregon," Neuberger explained to Murray. "They were drawn in 1950 for the purpose of providing wider access to federally-owned timber, and upon them depends the ability of smaller independent operators to compete for such timber in the O&C forests. There is no doubt that the requirement of reciprocal road-use agreements instituted by these regulations has been successful in furthering competition for federal timber."

Neuberger said his evidence for this was that multiple bids for O&C timber since the 1950 regulations were imposed had "more than tripled."

"Such competition is not only good for the competing bidders and consistent with our public policy of favoring free competitive enterprise; it also assured the government of receiving the best available price for its timber," said the senator, noting that sales receipts last year set a record of \$15,845,833.

"Substantial benefits to the public would thus be jeopardized by a return to the monopolistic tendencies accompanying the pre-1948 policies on access roads," Neuberger declared.

SPEARHEAD

Specifically, the senator contended that the proposed changes would "abandon the requirement of reciprocal road-use agreements as a condition precedent to granting right-of-way and road use permits" and that this would "seriously weaken the policy of facilitating competition for federal timber."

He said the changes would also "eliminate or weaken present provisions for protection of the access of hunters, fishermen and others to recreational areas in the O&C lands, and for arbitration of controversies."

Neuberger said he has looked into the question as result of many protests that have been sent to him against the proposed reg-

ulations. He said the proposal was opposed within the O&C advisory board by members "who represent labor, agriculture and important sections of the logging industry."

BLM officials said the opposition had been spearheaded by the Western Forest Industries Assn., whose executive secretary, R. T. Titus, is on the board.

Titus about a year ago charged in a letter to McKay that BLM had been "negotiating with a small group of big operators to revise the right-of-way regulations in such a way that competition would be largely eliminated and the owners of strategically located private land would once more virtually control the sale of BLM timber, as was the situation prior to 1948 when the department reported 80 per cent of the sales were to single bidders."

NO ACTION

McKay replied by inviting Titus and his group into discussions on the question. Shortly thereafter, last January, the O&C board assigned a subcommittee the task of reviewing the right-of-way regulations to suggest ways of simplifying them. During the past year, the subcommittee drafted its proposals and this month they were approved by the board for transmission to McKay and BLM here.

Officials said no action has been taken on them since their receipt, but that they would "be worked over" and then reviewed at the highest level of the department—a procedure expected to take some weeks at least.

The Senate Interior Committee has yet to hold its first meeting on legislation or other substantive material. Its first meeting is Tuesday, but it is understood it will be devoted exclusively to consideration of statehood legislation for Hawaii and Alaska. When the right-of-way issue might be taken up could not be determined.

Council Faces Paving Issue

Committee Report Scheduled Monday

The Eugene City Council will face a lot of varied issues Monday night, some of them controversial and many routine.

One of the hottest issues during recent weeks is scheduled to come up again when a council committee reports back on a paving assessment ordinance.

The ordinance calls for assessment of costs for the improvements to 18th Ave. from Charnell to Washington St. Property owners along that section of the street have petitioned for the city to relieve them of costs of extra-thick arterial paving.

The council, however, meeting as a committee of the whole, has recommended that no change be made in the policy as established during recent years.

Other major items to come before the council Monday will include:

- A report and recommendations on improvements planned for Mahlon Sweet Field. The recommendations are expected to meet requirements of a replacement for the defunct Airpark.

- A recommendation from the council as a whole committee that a master plan for development of an Airpark recreation area, sale of other Airpark parcels to School District 4, and acquisition of the old Lincoln School site be approved.

- A public hearing on various zoning matters, including proposed business zoning for both sides of 13th Ave. between High and Patterson St., rezoning of the Lincoln School land for a new Moose Hall, and a variance request for the Houser residence at 2880 Onyx St.

- A proposal to restrict parking on both sides of W. 11th Ave. between Chambers St. and Seneca Rd.

- A request that a franchise be granted a Eugene television sales firm for installation of a coaxial TV circuit here.

The council sessions are held in the city hall, 11th and Willamette St. The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m.

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SECTION B EUGENE, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1955

Youth Placed On Probation For 2 Years

An 18-year-old Springfield youth received two years probation in circuit court Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of larceny by bailer.

William Larry Whipple, 1002 Fairview Drive, pleaded innocent earlier to the charge, but changed his mind in court Monday.

The District Attorney's Office Monday told Judge William G. East that Whipple "borrowed" a car from a Springfield used car lot last December to show to his mother, but failed to return it.

The court was told that Whipple charged the car's license plates and stripped off chrome to alter the vehicle's appearance. A check of the car's motor number led to identification.

Explaining his act in court Monday, Whipple said: "My mother had just gotten out of the hospital and we had to move. It hurt her back to walk and I figured I would get a car to help."

Donald Shaw, 25, Rt. 5, Eugene, and Paul R. Whitney, 22, 1970 Columbia St., Eugene, were arraigned on charges of obtaining money and property under false pretenses after waiving their right to appear before a grand jury.

The men, who are accused of receiving \$18 in cash and \$2 in merchandise after fraudulently pretending they had funds in the bank, will enter their pleas Tuesday morning.



GO-CART—Mail bag carts like this are supplied to three Eugene mailmen who otherwise could not retain their means of livelihood. The three carriers, including Charles Hoffman (above) all have disabilities that prohibit carrying the regulation shoulder bag, according to Postmaster Ethan L. Newman. The outfit which makes carts for golf bags also makes the mail cart.

Fire Substation Bids To Be Opened

Bids for construction of Eugene's new southside fire substation will be opened Feb. 10 at 2 p. m. in the city hall council chambers, City Manager Robert Finlayson reported Monday.

The new station will be built on the northeast corner of the 12th Ave., Eugene.

WEATHER

U.S. WEATHER FORECAST

Eugene and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Tuesday with a few light showers Monday night. Low temperature Tuesday morning, 38; high Tuesday afternoon, 52. Western Oregon: same.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Sunday, 44; low Monday morning, 40; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m. Monday, .03 of an inch; total for month 3.14 inches; normal for month 5.41 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m. Monday, 0 feet. Readings at 10:30 a. m. Monday: barometer, 30.31 inches, steady; humidity, 95 per cent; wind, S-S.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Tuesday, 7:37 a. m., and 5:12 p. m.; Wednesday, 7:36 a. m., and 5:14 p. m.

TEMPERATURES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
24 hours to 4:30 a. m. Monday

	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Baker	34	5	—
Bend	52	28	—
Eugene	54	37	.03
Klamath Falls	32	23	T
Lakeview	30	5	T
Medford	32	30	—
Newport	32	40	.07
North Bend	32	45	.08
Pendleton	30	34	T
Portland	52	34	T
Roseburg	50	32	—
Salem	53	35	—
Boise	32	14	—
Chicago	20	11	T
Denver	45	17	.08
Eureka	46	—	—
Los Angeles	68	48	—
New York	37	28	—
Red Bluff	55	37	—
San Francisco	57	41	—
Seattle	49	40	—
Spokane	43	30	—

Boy Arrested

A 10-year-old Eugene boy was arrested by a city patrolman Saturday afternoon when the officer spotted the boy on a stolen bike. The youngster was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Budgeteers Sing Annual Blues

Eugene city officials were singing the budget blues Monday as department heads prepared preliminary estimates of needs for the coming fiscal year which begins July 1.

Henry Beistel, city finance officer, has the loudest voice in the chorus. But he's working methodically to find the needs and the money to meet them during the coming year.

Beistel said Monday that "We have a lot of complicated situations this time." He pointed to a number of items that will need

funds not necessary in past years:

- The city will have to budget for two additional fire department substation. One is in the newly annexed Seneca area; the other is in the South Willamette St. district.

- There will probably be newly annexed area that will need some city services from the very day of annexation.

Beistel explained Monday that the preliminary budget work is underway now to give officials a chance to "boil down" the

needs. Then the finance department can work out various revenue possibilities before the city budget committee meets sometime late this spring.

The fact that the city is having a difficult time finding money isn't anything new, the finance officer declared. But this year, the ratio of need against income possibilities is greater.

Beistel has contended for some time that the city should be on the lookout for some new means of revenue to meet some of the requirements popping up each year.

He has suggested such things as a payroll tax, a rise in the city's tax base, or a city sales tax. Beistel said, however, that these are only suggestions and any recommendation will have to come from the city council and budget committee.

Democrats Hit Sales Tax

SALEM 25 — Oregon Young Democrats convening here rapped any plan for a state sales tax and told Democrats to support Gov. Paul Patterson in his request to offset federal income tax against state income tax.

The group charged also this weekend that suggestions to make the attorney-general's office appointive instead of elective were politically inspired.

"It is strange that Republicans should decide some offices should be appointive just after Democrats have been elected to them," said Vern Cook, Young Democrat president.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton is a Democrat. Last week some state Republicans indicated they would attempt to remove the office from the ballot and have the attorney general appointed by the governor.

Democrats voiced their opposition to the proposed Columbia Basin Compact. It favored repeal of a state law which lets some property owners escape excise taxes, and repeal of the antipicketing bill. The group called for an extension of the state conciliation service and a full-time paid parole board.

The principals, from secondary schools throughout the state, concluded their two-day conference Saturday. Elected vice president was Ronald Parks, principal at Ashland. He will automatically become president in 1956.

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Skinner was the retiring president of the association.

RIVER ROAD Ramblers Square Dance Club will meet at the new River Road Schoolhouse at 8 p. m. Tuesday. Visitors welcome.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

(Jan. 18, 1955)
CROWNOVER — To Mr. and Mrs. Robby J. Crownover, 708 10th St., Cottage Grove, a daughter.
MILLER — To Mr. and Mrs. Junior William Miller, Rt. 1, Harrisburg, a daughter.

(Jan. 19, 1955)
GIBSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Gibson, Rt. 2, Box 160, Springfield, a son.
HAAG — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Haag, 1956 Prairie Rd., Eugene, a son.
PHILLIPS — To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Phillips, 47 E. 40th Ave., Eugene, a son.

POLLARD — To Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pollard, 2300-4 Patterson Dr., Eugene, a daughter.
WRIGHT — To Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wright, 605 Ayres Rd., Eugene, a son.
ZUMWALT — To Mr. and Mrs. Elvin W. Zumwalt, Rt. 2, Junction City, a son.

(Jan. 20, 1955)
BENNETT — To Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Bennett, 4913 E. St., Springfield, a daughter.
CARVER — To Mr. and Mrs. James W. Carver, 1865 Cleveland St., Eugene, a son.

DION — To the late Daniel R. and Mrs. Dion, 360 W. 25th Ave., Eugene, a son.
JOHNSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, 2795 Olive St., Eugene, a daughter.

MESSEUR — To Mr. and Mrs. Rosewell C. Messer, 72 Happy Lane, Eugene, a daughter.
PETERSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Peterson, 400 Cal Young Rd., Eugene, a son.

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

(Jan. 21, 1955)

ROD — To Mr. and Mrs. Dale A. Rod, Rt. 1, Box 1474, Junction City, a son.
CAGLE — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Cagle, 245 Palomino Dr., Eugene, a son.

FISHER — To Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fisher, 160 Palomino Dr., Eugene, a daughter.
GARRETT — To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Garrett, 1043 Jackson St., Eugene, a daughter.

Principals Install Chief At Meeting

James Adamson, principal of Baker High School, was installed Saturday as president of the Oregon Assn. of Secondary School Principals at the winter conference of the group in Eugene.

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NEWS BRIEFS

COBURG — The Barn Owls, square dancing group, are starting a series of couple dance classes, 8 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, at their headquarters, a quarter of a mile north of Coburg on the M. M. Dionne place. The Barn Owls is an open club and anyone interested is invited to attend. New couple dances will be taught and old ones will be reviewed.

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