

OILED MACADAM ROAD TESTS ARE ADVOCATED HERE

W. J. Culver, county roadmaster, returned today from a week's trip through eastern Oregon, with J. H. Scott, market road engineer for the state highway commission, inspecting over 250 miles of oiled macadam road laid in various parts of the eastern portion of the state as experiments to ascertain the value of that type of road under all sorts of weather and traffic conditions.

The main result of the trip is that Roadmaster Culver will recommend to the county court the adoption of similar experiments on a small scale in the carrying out of the market road highway program for this county.

Roadmaster Culver declares that the results are good with the experiments so far put on in eastern Oregon and that highway officials are becoming satisfied that this sort of a road will meet the highway problem in eastern Oregon until traffic becomes so heavy as to demand a heavier type of pavement.

The roadmaster believes that the oiled macadam roads can be made to meet the situation here on roads where traffic is lighter and that it presents many advantages in addition to the low cost as compared to heavy pavement costs.

"Experiments on oiled macadam in eastern Oregon have been carried on by the highway commission over a period of three years," stated the roadmaster. "The purpose is to treat macadam with fuel oil, from 75 to 120 barrels of fuel oil being put on to a mile of macadam. The results had are good. After the oil has penetrated it gives much the appearance of a blacktop pavement and in many places we found it hard to distinguish the type of road from the blacktop type of pavement.

"We tried the plan here in 1915-16 and made some little progress when the war came along and compelled us to shut off the work as the fuel oil was needed by the government for war purposes.

"It is my plan to recommend to the county court that we try it out to a small extent during the coming year and continue to make further experiments until the value of it is determined. I will favor putting it on macadam that is a year or two old. While it can be put on directly onto a new road, I believe it is better to let the road set until its inequalities come out and can be remedied before putting on the oil. The oil penetrates the surface for about three-quarters of an inch and forms a hard crust on top. The road can be repaired at little cost when it pits out, repairs can be made in any kind of weather, and the road doesn't run in hot weather like blacktop.

BRUSH COLLEGE
Brush College, Or., Nov. 17.—The Brush College Community club met Friday evening at the school house with a large attendance. A patriotic program was given in honor of Armistice day. A flag drill presented by the younger children was enjoyed very much. It was followed by patriotic readings and songs. A committee was appointed to help the teacher make arrangements for serving hot lunches for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Aurora were present Friday evening.

The Bible study class met at the home of Paul Wallace, Thursday evening. About 25 members were present. Mrs. Charles Parks of Salem presided over the fore part of the evening, after which Mrs. Blodgett took charge of the class. The next meeting will be at the A. B. Ewing home.

The Brush College Helpers will meet at the home of Mrs. Whitney this coming Thursday afternoon.

Miss Anderson, the primary teacher of Brush College, met with an auto accident Armistice day, receiving some very serious bruises. Mrs. Zona Allen of Salem relieved her of teaching for a few days. Miss Anderson is getting along nicely.

An special Sunday school service will be held at Brush College, November 29, at 7:30 p. m. All the neighbors are invited to select their favorite song and come and we will help you sing it.

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