



Slow Steel Delivery Delays Independence Bridge—Top: Piers ready for steel delayed by fabricators unable to obtain raw material under a quota system. Delivery of fabricated steel in October will prevent bridge completion this year and set the opening date ahead to August, 1950. Lower: Steel beams in place on the Marion county approach are now being decked with reinforced concrete. Construction of this section of the Independence bridge will likely be completed before winter.

Progress Retarded on Bridge at Independence

By JAMES D. OLSON

Failure of a steel contractor to make deliveries at the specified time will delay completion of the Independence bridge, over the Willamette river, between Marion and Polk counties, almost a year, state highway department officials said Tuesday.

Macco Corporation of Los Angeles, bridge contractors ordered the steel necessary for the bridge spans from the Moore Drydock company of Oakland, Calif., steel fabricators. The order was to have been filled a number of months ago but the fabricators were unable to obtain the raw material in time.

It was stated that the steel for the bridge is now being fabricated in Oakland and delivery is expected in October. However, this will be too late for beginning of the construction of the spans and as a result the work will not begin until March of next year and final completion is expected in August, 1950 instead of December 31, 1949 as contemplated.

The bridge contract was awarded to the Macco company on April 30, 1948, and actual work began a month later.

During the steel shortage throughout the United States, which eased up about four months ago, each steel fabricator was allocated a specified amount of raw materials.

The Oakland firm, highway officials stated, probably contracted for delivery of more steel than could be fabricated from the allocated supply with the result that the order for the Independence bridge was not filled on time.

When the bridge contractors found that the steel deliveries would be delayed, it was too late to order steel from any other fabricating concern.

The highway commission has authority to assess the engineering costs to the main contractor for the period after the date set for completion of the project.

Under an attorney general's opinion the state cannot collect damages from a contractor who fails to complete a job on the time limit unless the state provides a bonus for completion of the job prior to the contract conclusion date.

Open House at McNary Dated

Plans are shaping up for an open house program at McNary field by Salem flight operators with a free picnic "brunch" to be served between 11 and 1 o'clock Sunday, August 28.

An air show is scheduled to start at 12 o'clock with tours over the city to be offered between 1 and 2 o'clock.

The program will feature the Brooks handicap race and a closed course race in addition to participation by military and

airlines. The control tower will also be in operation.

Tillamook aviation days are scheduled for the coast city August 20 and 21, according to Oregon Air News, publication of the state board of aeronautics.

Walt and Ivan Herd will be the official hosts with a variety of attractions offered including a dinner at 7 o'clock Saturday evening followed by a dance. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 o'clock Sunday morning with the air show starting at 2 o'clock.

Sleeping quarters will be in the barracks at the naval air station with dormitory facilities for women.

Other events listed for the near future are the annual conference of the Oregon Flying Farmers at McMinnville September 4 to 6 and the Sportsmen Pilots' day at Joseph September 5 with Bessie Halladay hostess. An excursion hop is also planned to Red's Horse ranch.

The state board calls attention to the Vaisetz flying field, privately developed by Loren Haley, and about 25 miles west of Independence.

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Sen. Morse Wins Approval On Access Road Resolution

A resolution, sponsored by Senator Wayne Morse, providing for \$30,000,000 annually for construction of access roads into governmental timber areas, was passed Tuesday, according to telegram sent to the Capital Journal by the junior senator of Oregon.

The resolution must now be adopted by the house but Senator Morse explains that if a crowded calendar prevents consideration before congress recesses it will be on the house calendar ready for consideration when the house reconvenes in January.

When the resolution was first up for consideration Senator Cain of Washington objected and presented a substitute resolution drastically different from the Morse proposal. However, Morse said that Tuesday Cain asked only for an amendment for public hearings on ten days notice on any proposed access road.

Morse said that Senators Taft of Ohio and Watkins of Utah, who originally objected to the proposal, withdrew objections and supported the bill.

It was a successful day for Senator Morse because the senate also passed his bill providing for special housing for veterans suffering from paralysis resulting in the loss of use of both legs due to service connected disease or injury.

This bill was endorsed by

Scholarship Granted Sacred Heart Student

Thomas Lovick, a graduate of Sacred Heart academy in Salem, is one of 24 incoming University of Portland freshmen who will receive college educations on a scholarship granted by the university scholarship committee, announces Rev. Joseph McGrath, CSC, chairman.

Lovick's training will begin at Portland on September 13, the date set for freshman orientation.

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