

SOMETHING NEW IN STATE SERVICE

Opening of State Building At Hillsboro First in Chain

By WILLIAM WARREN

Hillsboro, Ore., Aug. 20 (AP)—Something new has been added to state service in Oregon.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry raised the flag on a spanking new motor vehicle and travel information branch building at Hillsboro Thursday, and formally opened the first of what eventually will be 20 such branches throughout Oregon.

Shortly after he took office as secretary of state Newbry began thinking: Why should taxpayers of the state have to deal with the main office at Salem, the main branch at Portland or a couple of scattered small offices elsewhere when they wanted to do Oregon the favor of paying their auto license fees or their drivers' license fees?

The answer, he thought, was to bring the state facilities to the people instead of the people to the state facilities.

And so he set out to design a building that would be pleasant to the eye, simple to build and easy enough on the pocket book of the private builder that the state could lease it within reason.

Hillsboro was the first answer. The structure—concrete, one-story high with red cement-tile roof—which was dedicated at Hillsboro Thursday will be the model for other structures throughout the state.

Already a similar building is rising at Grants Pass, and land has been selected for one at Tillamook. Others eventually will be in Bend, Medford, Coos Bay, Pendleton, Baker, Klamath Falls, Ontario, Roseburg, Gresham, Hood River, The Dalles, La Grande, Astoria, McMinnville and other spots not yet designated, for a total of 20.

Here's the gimmick. A private operator builds the structure and leases it to the state. At Hillsboro, the branch was built by Bruce Ellis at a cost of \$15,000 and leased to the state for \$150 a month.

This office alone is expected to do about \$325,000 worth of business a year for the state—auto license plates, drivers' licenses, and other functions. It will serve all of Washington county, which has 24,000 registered vehicles and 38,000 licensed drivers.

The branch, within the city limits at the edge of Hillsboro on the Portland highway, is situated on more than an acre of ground, allowing for ample parking facilities.

Jim McGilchrist, the affable guide of the capitol building in Salem, brought down a box load of pamphlets, maps and what have you to give the tourist information division of the Hillsboro branch its start.

The branch will also serve as a handy place for the making of gas tax refunds, and once a week a man from the secretary of state's office of financial responsibility will drop in to inform any who want to know about the liability of motorists.

Mother of Quads Sues for Divorce

Portland, Aug. 20 (AP)—The mother of quadruplets, and five other children besides, charged her husband with non-support here yesterday.

Mrs. L. D. Tigner, mother of Portland's only quadruplets, swore out a warrant for the arrest of the husband.

She said the quads—two boys and two girls who will observe their third birthday Monday—are not in want. They have a private income from advertising contracts.

Attorney Wills Widow Sorrow and Sufferings

San Francisco, Aug. 20 (AP)—The late Attorney Maurice N. Swim willed his first wife, Rosalyn Silva Swim, "All of the sorrow and suffering she created and cast upon me and into my life when she deserted me in my hour of need and ill health, in order that she may enjoy and relish the like sorrow and suffering to the last moment of her life."

Part of Gorge Highway Open

Portland, Aug. 20 (AP)—The first stretch of a highway designed to speed traffic between Portland and eastern Oregon was opened to the public east of here today.

It was a 10 1/2-mile stretch of the water-grade Columbia river highway, replacing a scenic, but winding, route between Troutdale and Bridal Veil.

Governor McKay snipped a ribbon at 2 p.m. to open the route officially.

Future links will provide a fast highway through most of the Columbia gorge. The present highway, winding at a higher elevation, will be maintained for sight-seers.

Ram Prices Slightly Down

Pendleton, Aug. 20 (AP)—First sale price at the 23rd annual Oregon ram sale in Pendleton today were down a little as compared with last year, said Victor W. Johnson, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association.

However a larger field of northwest buyers attended the sale at the round-up grounds than in 1948.

Two rambouillets, owned by J. K. Madsen's farm of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, sold for \$259 each to the Cunningham Sheep company of Pendleton to top the first half of the show. High buck last year was \$269.

Best price for a herd of rambouillets in the morning was \$160 a head for a pen of five sold by Madsen to John Fourie of Walla Walla.

Lincoln rambouillets cross-breeds failed to beat \$60 a head for three lots.

96-Year Old Man Collects "Wager"

Minneapolis, Aug. 20 (AP)—Ninety-six-year-old Nels J. Agenberg won a \$2,327 "wager" with the odds 100,000 to one against him.

The Mutual Life Insurance company yesterday paid him the face value in that amount in a policy he took out 45 years ago.

Agensberg could have cashed in the policy when it was paid up after 20 years but elected to leave it in force.

Sister Identifies Collision Victim

Lebanon, Ore., Aug. 20 (AP)—A motorcyclist killed in a collision at Sweet Home yesterday was positively identified today as Ballard Turvey, 29, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Turvey of Seligman, Mo.

The identification was made by a sister, Mrs. Omar Serogin, whom Turvey had been visiting at Sweet Home. Burial will be at Sweet Home.

Camping Period Ends

Turner — Returning from Boy Scout camp this month were Richard Plugh, Darrel Mertle, Jimmie Hatfield, Donald Mickey, Kenneth and Harold Mitchell, Phillip and Harold Keith Schollan, Oren Schollan and Olen Spiva furnished the "going" while Mr. Kinton, Chas. Standley and Prof. Dgwilliam provided return transportation.



The Last Shot—While an officer (second from right) holds up a portable light, another policeman (second from left) pumps final shot into Ernest Craig (arrow), 28, as he makes futile attempt to escape from his home after three-hour gun battle. Craig, a Negro, was wanted for shooting a child. After police set fire to his house on Chicago's west side, Craig attempted escape from second-story window through 18-inch passageway (center) between his house and the neighboring home. Policeman at left carries bullet shield. (AP Wirephoto)

NEW YORK CITIES TESTING GROUND

Is Unemployment Serious? Sawyer Checks to Find Out

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 20—One out of every 10 employable persons in this western New York industrial center is looking for a job. But there is some improvement in sight.

In Rome and Utica, N. Y., however, more than one in eight is out of work and prospects for an early pickup are slim.

These facts and other first-hand information on the economic outlook of these two important production centers were gathered personally by Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer Tuesday as part of his nationwide study of employment and business conditions.

After a day of conferences with management, labor and government officials from the two areas, Sawyer prepared a report to presidential assistant John R. Steelman. It is Steelman's job to channel government contracts and construction to areas of critical unemployment.

Sawyer earlier visited New England, the midwest and south. Later this summer he will make similar studies in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, New Orleans, on the West Coast and in Texas.

With the aid of a half-dozen members of his staff, Sawyer has a firm pattern on conducting the conferences. They are operated on a rigid schedule in which every minute counts.

His Buffalo visit was typical. At 7 a.m., he left Washington by air and was in Buffalo less than two hours later. By lunch time he had met with Mayor Bernard J. Dowd's full employment committee, held two news conferences to keep reporters up to date on the discussions, made a radio broadcast and conducted a two-hour discussion among New York state industrialists.

After lunch he made another radio broadcast and held a series of conferences with his staff and with regional commerce department officials.

In addition to Buffalo union leaders and businessmen, Sawyer talked with similar leaders from Rome, Utica, Tonawanda, Syracuse, Rochester and Lackawanna, who came to this lake Erie port for the opportunity of talking over their problems directly with a member of the president's cabinet.

Sawyer believes it is a good thing for a cabinet member to get away from Washington and find out what the people are thinking. The purpose of this particular group of trips is to supplement statistics with individual business studies.

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Seattle, Aug. 20 (AP)—A summer-long circus "war" between the two biggest shows on the road flared into new hostilities today when Cole Bros. cut its admission prices 50 per cent.

The Cole circus started the show fight last May by invading the territory of Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey ahead of the "big show."

Ringling fired back with a "paper war." In every city Cole played, it posted billboards screaming for circus-goers to "Wait for the big show."

Weary of the battle waged since they showed at Harrisburg, Pa., Cole announced its price cut today in a newspaper ad spiced with obvious cracks at the "wait" notices.

Fine Vaudeville At State Fair

Helene Hughes, veteran San Francisco stage producer, let it be known this week that her 1949 Oregon State Fair night-time vaudeville presentation will be the best since she took over the show at the exposition place in 1946.

Miss Hughes, whose show last year played to capacity houses every night of the fair, has contracted some of the top vaudeville acts of the nation, including recent appearances at the better eastern showplaces.

Included on the billing is O'Donnell and Blair, a comedy sight act, which has been a success on the Milton Berle television show. In fact, Berle now has the team as a feature of a movie he is now making in Hollywood.

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Washington, Aug. 20 (AP)—Five thousand Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company employes in Oregon will hold secret collective bargaining agency elections in the next month.

The elections were ordered yesterday by the National Labor Relations Board.

For most of the workers in 21 cities of the state it will be a choice of whether or not they want to be represented by the CIO Communications Workers. The Council of Independent Plant Telephone Unions, an independent organization, was barred from the ballot by the NLRB.

'WHISPERING HOPE' 81 YEARS OLD

\$35 Hymn, Cast Aside Years Ago, Is Sensation

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (AP)—A \$35 hymn written by a Philadelphia composer who's been dead for 47 years is the newest sensation to set Hollywood on its ear.

The song is "Whispering Hope," and the man who jotted it down 81 years ago thought so little of it that he put it out under a woman's name.

But singer Jo Stafford recorded a modern version, and the old hymn is a new rage in cocktail bars and juke box joints.

The close-harmony song goes like this: "Soft as the voice of an angel, breathing a lesson on earth, Hope, with a gentle persuasion, whispers a comforting word, Whispering hope, whispering hope, oh how welcome they voice, Oh how welcome they voice, making my heart in its sorrow rejoice."

The song was the last important composition among 2,000 pieces written by the late Septimus Winner, whose other songs include "Listen to the Mocking Bird" and "Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone." He wrote "Hope" under the name of Alice Hawthorne.

"I liked it because of its delightfully close harmony," Miss Stafford said. "Sometimes the voices are only a note apart. And I think its lyrics are significant."

Music publishers made \$3,000,000 from Winner's songs, but the copyright on them now has expired.

The trend toward church hymns has other followers in this unsaintly town.

At a Vine Street jazz heaven known as "The Hangover," bandleader Red Nichols is tooting both "Whispering Hope" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Russ Morgan is playing the organ at the Palladium and his "Heart Beat" quartet is memorizing hymns.

"I never thought I'd see the day," a bartender sighed, "when the juke box would be giving with church music."

Woodburn—The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold a picnic at Settlemier park Saturday evening, Aug. 20, from 5 to 7 o'clock p.m. with a no-host supper at 6 o'clock. Those attending are to bring their own table service. Games, softball, horseshoe pitching and swimming will be enjoyed.

This will also be a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Perry Williams and family who are moving to California Monday and those who wish are asked to bring a small donation for a gift. Coffee and cold drinks will be furnished. All members and friends of the church and families are invited.

Building Bids Open Sept. 20

Bids for the construction of the new \$1,600,000 state highway building on the block bounded by Capitol, Chemeketa, Center and Summer streets, will be opened by the state highway commission September 20.

The commission has approved plans and specifications prepared by Whitehouse, Church, Newberry and Roher, architects who designed the state library building, the new state office building and were associated with eastern architects in designing the state capitol.

The commission in a brief session Friday in Portland approved expending \$930,000 as the state's contribution toward a proposed \$4,400,000 highway around Meridam dam in Lane county.

A 10-ton load limit was set on the bridge over the South Santiam river at Cascadia.

Sword to Fill Calvary Pulpit

Dr. Victor Hugh Sword, representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Assam, India, will be guest pastor for both Sunday services at Calvary Baptist church Sunday. As a friend of Gandhi, Dr. Sword was appointed to a committee to set up a world peace conference on a non-violence basis. This committee consists of representatives from various parts of the world and will meet December 19 in India.

Dr. Sword's subject Sunday morning will be "Life Begins Now" and for the evening, "Profitable Examinations."

Trade sources said that before World War II as much as 11,000,000 pounds had been stored in Portland at one time, but since the war's end new cut wool has been moved rapidly to eastern markets.

The department of agriculture reported that every western state except Colorado, New Mexico, and California, showed a decline in wool output.

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