

Santiam Road To Be Graveled

Marion county will grade and gravel the "hump" road over the mountains between Elkhorn and Gates as soon as weather permits, a delegation from the upper Santiam River canyon was informed Tuesday after meeting with the county court. The petitioners were from Mill City, Elkhorn and Gates.

Improvement of the Elkhorn-Gates road is scheduled to start in about a month while the court plans a study of the entire Mehama-Elkhorn road along the Little North fork of the Santiam river with a view of improving the stretch.

In referring to the "hump" section, Roy Rice, county commissioner, states the road will be passable about seven months of the year with no attempt to be made to keep it open during the winter as the expense for a wider grade and snow crews would be too great. The court did agree to placing a load limit on the route during adverse weather.

Judge Grant Murphy pointed out to the delegation that the road fund of the county is at a very low point and agreement was reached that a study of the Mehama-Elkhorn road will not be attempted until the state highway department project, the Mehama-Mill City highway improvement, is under way this summer.

The delegation from the Canyon had asked that a survey be made to determine the best route for realigning an improved 14-mile section of the road up the Little North fork from Mehama with the objective a "safe, good market road down the mountain."

The present route is held vulnerable to snow and earth slides and it was also stated that there is an estimated 800,000,000 board feet of standing federal timber, approximately the same amount of O & C timber and a little less of private timber standing in that area which needs to be logged.

OK \$1,200,000 For Spruce Budworm

Washington, March 1 (AP)—The senate appropriations committee has voted \$4,976,000 for fighting forest pests, including \$2,885,000 to control the spruce bark beetle in Colorado.

Representatives of the forest service told a senate appropriations subcommittee that the beetle has destroyed thousands of acres of Engelmann spruce in the state, mostly in the western part.

The committee also approved \$1,200,000 for spraying 999,670 acres of Douglas and white fir in Oregon and Washington to control the spruce budworm.

The items are in a deficiency appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30. Similar appropriations are before the house.

Atlantic Pact Meet Planned for Spring

London, March 1 (AP)—The foreign ministers of the 12 Atlantic pact nations are planning to meet this spring, probably in Europe, the British foreign office said today.

A foreign office spokesman said the meeting of "the council of the North Atlantic pact" might give the United States, British and French foreign min-

isters an opportunity to hold special Big Three meetings. (In Washington U.S. Secretary of State Acheson said a meeting of the 12 foreign ministers might well be necessary in the spring.)

Harvey Thibeau Accident Victim

Harvey Thibeau, 33, of Independence, employee of a Salem bottling concern, was killed Tuesday night when his automobile left the Salem-Independence highway near the Oak Point school and plunged into two feet of water in Oak Point creek about 10:30 o'clock.

Robert Doherty, who lives near the scene, told state police that he heard the crash and in a few minutes located the automobile. Thibeau was dead when he arrived, he said.

Identity of the victim was established by papers on the body when the wreckage was removed from the water two hours later. Cause of the accident has not been determined, neither has it been ascertained whether Thibeau was drowned or killed in the mishap.

Though employed in Salem the dead man made his home in Independence. He is survived by his widow.

Trial Planting On Loe Farm

Trial planting with hybrid poplar was started on the Oscar Loe farm this week with the trees furnished by the soil conservation nursery at Bellingham, Wash., to the Silver Creek soil district, which is supervising the planting. Selection of the Loe farm as a starter was on the basis of its location and interest shown by the owner.

These hybrid poplars are a fast growing species and highly adaptable for wood pulp. They have been found to grow at a rate 50 percent faster than the native variety and are expected to reach pulp size in 15 years. Technicians of the soil district believe they may grow at a faster rate in this area and also prove highly suited for planting on some of the steep land suitable only for forest.

The need for reforestation in areas like Silver Creek canyon, Drift Creek canyon, Abiqua basin and branches of Pudding river are held of extreme importance to all communities in the lower Willamette valley. These areas need to be in trees so as to hold more water in the ground, reduce flood damage, furnish more summer water for the valley and to produce a crop which is needed by many individuals in the valley.

Scio—All the pupils in both the grade and high school had a vacation Monday, while all the teachers attended the clinic for handicapped children which was held at the Crowfoot school near Lebanon. The weather was grand, so the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

\$45,000 Permit For New Church

A \$45,000 permit issued Tuesday for exterior construction of a new St. John's Lutheran church at 1350 Court street raised the total of permits in February to \$384,925. Of this \$348,080 was new construction and \$36,845 alterations.

Other major permits for the month were for the Shryock store in the Capitol Shopping Center, \$30,000; airport administration building, \$35,000; and West side post office, \$17,840.

New permits: Bert Wittenberg, to build a one-story dwelling at 785 Waldo, \$4000. Homer Smith, to alter a three-story apartment house at 105 North Liberty, \$250. A. F. Courtney, to alter a one-story dwelling at 1174 Eighth, \$250. Hans Hansen, to alter a one-story dwelling at 2154 Broadway, \$375. E. J. Burnside, to alter a 1 1/2-story dwelling at 725 North Sumner, \$50. St. John's Lutheran church, to build a church at 1350 Court, \$45,000. O. H. Williams, to erect a garage at 1008 Third, \$450. D. A. Lerner, to build an office at 801 North Liberty, \$500. John Wilson estate, to alter a four-story apartment house at 173 South Collage, \$1000. Madson Wrecking company, to wreck a one-story dwelling at 622 North High, \$50. George Walters, to erect a garage at 2208 South Church, \$100. C. V. Stratton, Jr., to build a one-story dwelling at 1730 North 24th, \$4800. C. T. Pomroy, to build a carport at 495 North Commercial, \$200.

GOP 'Liberals' Plan Platform

Washington, March 1 (AP)—Headed by Senator Ives (R., N. Y.), republicans who like to be classed as liberals began trying today to put together their own platform for this year's congressional races.

Ives told a reporter he had circulated the suggested draft of a platform to several GOP colleagues.

Ives didn't name them, but those who received copies evidently included Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Aiken of Vermont, Hendrickson of New Jersey, Smith of Maine and Tobey of New Hampshire.

The group may meet next week to see if they can agree on a statement rivaling that issued recently by the republican national committee and a majority of senate and house republicans. Ives and others called the party declaration weak-kneed.

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on such issues as civil rights. The New York senator criticized its labor plank and said he doesn't agree with its social program.

Democrats meanwhile scheduled a new harmony move at a party rally in Chicago, probably in the third week of May.

President Truman and Vice President Barkley will be the stars of a meeting to which all democratic members of congress and the members of the party's national committee will be invited.

Wheat Market In Far East

Washington, March 1 (AP)—A government trade mission reported today that the far east offers an outlet for wheat three times as large as average prewar imports.

Sponsored by the agriculture department and the states of Washington and Oregon, the mission estimated the far east will take between 80,000,000 and 120,000,000 bushels of wheat annually in the future. Before the war, this area imported an annual average of 35,000,000 bushels.

The three-man mission visited Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaya, Indonesia, India, Pakistan and Thailand. Members were Edward J. Bell, wheat commission; Archie M. Camp, president of the North Pacific grain growers, and Henry A. Baehr, cereals marketing specialist for the agriculture department.

Countries which get this potential wheat market, the mission said, will be those which (1) meet competition on a quality and price basis, (2) make available competitive prices for wheat and flour relative to those of other commodities, and (3) engage in a two-way trade with the countries buying the grain. The mission told the department that the far east cannot be considered a dumping ground for inferior products.

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6.22 Inches Rain In February

Though snow covered the ground and zero or lower temperatures ruled the first few days, February turned out an otherwise fairly normal month with a total of 6.22 inches of rain for the 28-day period or 1.47 inches more than the normal precipitation for the month.

There were 3 inches of snow on the ground February 3 and 4 with three days during that period registering zero or less with the coldest being a minus 4 degrees February 3, according to the US weather bureau at McNary field.

Three days of the month had a half an inch or more precipitation during a 24-hour period with the greatest rainfall 1.24 inches February 24. There were 18 days with 0.1 inches or more and 16 days with .10 or more rain. Only two days were classified as clear with three part cloudy and the remainder cloudy.

Mean average for the month was 41.3 degrees, or 1.4 degrees below normal. Warmest was February 25 when the mercury mounted to 63 degrees.

Greatest rainfall for February

was the 11.66 inches in 1940 followed by 10.36 inches in 1937. Other Februaries with an excessive amount of precipitation were in 1904 with 9.47 inches; 1927 with 9.05 inches; 1926 with 8.91 inches; 1902-19 with 8.10 inches each and 1925 with 8.07 inches. Only twice since records have been kept has the precipitation dropped below the one-inch mark, the driest being 1920 with .34 inches followed by 1903 with .88 inches.

John Frank, Mt. Angel Wins Cheese Contest

Corvallis, March 1 (AP)—The three-day convention of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' association ends tonight with sweepstakes winners and champions in cheese and butter making to be announced.

John Frank, Mt. Angel creamery, won first prize yesterday in the senior fresh cheddar cheese contest.

Pre-School Period Resumed at Lyons

Lyons—The pre-school began Wednesday after a two-month shut-down due to weather conditions and will be held at the old schoolhouse in Lyons, with Mrs. Alice Huber the instructor.

1st Jet Planes Land on Carrier

Aboard USS Valley Forge, March 1 (AP)—(Via Navy Communications)—Jet planes landed at night on a carrier for the first time last night.

Sixteen landings were made by flashing Grumman Panther jet fighters, with one blown tire the only mishap.

Headquarters of the Pacific fleet air command said it was the first time in history that night landings on a carrier had been accomplished.

The accomplishment "completes the cycle," the announcement said, of ability tests for jets in carrier operation.

Florescent paddles were used by the landing signal officer to bring the fighters into the deck groove at their high landing speed, approximately 115 miles an hour.

Only one of the eight pilots, each making two landings, was under 30 years of age.

The first plane of air group five was brought on to the Valley Forge's deck at 7 p.m., 40 minutes after nightfall, by Cmdr. Harvey P. Lanham, 36, of Cor-

onado and Los Angeles. After Lanham made his landings, Cmdr. Edward J. Pawka, 36, Community Springs, Rochester, Pa. and Cmdr. A. D. Pollock, 36 of Santa Barbara, Calif., followed in good landings.

Airlines Strike Idles 4,600 Men

New York, March 1 (AP)—A nationwide strike of ground crewmen against the American airlines started here early today.

Picket lines formed in front of two of the airlines' hangars at La Guardia field as the 7:30 a.m. (EST) deadline arrived.

The CIO Transport Workers union said the stoppage would affect 4,600 supply and maintenance workers in 34 cities across the country.

The company has said it will try to maintain flight schedules, despite the stoppage.

In a last-minute appeal two hours before the strike deadline, the big transcontinental airline telegraphed 500 day-shift employees here, urging them to report to work.

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