

Sanitation Problem Critical in Many Oregon Suburban Areas

By GORMAN HOGAN

PORTLAND (AP) — Sanitation problems in suburban areas of many upstate Oregon cities are so serious that the State Health Department must maintain a constant watch against epidemics.

In a one-mile square area in suburban Klamath Falls, for example, 1,000 people are in desperate need of proper sewage facilities. But Ormond R. Bean, chairman of a legislative interim committee on local government, says the people cannot bear the cost on an individual assessment basis.

Improperly operated septic tanks are turned into cesspools, and because there is little drainage, sewage runs into the streets.

This situation is not singular to Klamath Falls, says Bean, Portland city commissioner and president of the League of Oregon Cities. Much of the suburban growth in the past few years has brought it in varying degrees to the Eugene-Springfield area, Pendleton, Roseburg, Salem, Portland and many other communities as well.

To solve this and a dozen other serious problems the committee, after a year of study, has prepared tentative recommendations to give existing governmental agencies authority to cope with the situation.

These will be considered at a meeting in Salem Oct. 15 and 16 and, if given final approval, will serve as a basis for bills to be introduced to the Oregon Legislature next year. This, according to Bean, Oregon will become the first state in the nation to seek a solution to its so-called fringe problems on a statewide scale.

New Portland Street Okayed

PORTLAND (AP) — Joint state-county construction of an extension of 82nd Avenue was approved by Multnomah County commissioners Tuesday.

The state, using part of a federal highway allotment, would put up about \$1,200,000. The county's share would be some \$200,000.

The proposed extension would stretch north to the Columbia River and provide a new entrance from the east to Portland International Airport.

Marion 4th in Strawberries

PORTLAND (AP) — The Bureau of Census said Tuesday that two Oregon counties were among the nation's leaders in strawberry acreage and production in 1955.

Washington County growers had 3,694 acres of strawberries, largest acreage in the nation. The county was third in production with 10,983,099 quarts.

Marion County was fourth in production with 9,126,723 quarts and third in acreage with 3,326 acres.

The leading production area, with 22,697,694 quarts, was Santa Clara County, Calif.

Fluoridation Drinking Fountain Plan Vetoed

PORTLAND (AP) — Proponents of fluoridated drinking water wanted to set up three portable fountains in downtown Portland to enable passersby to sample water treated with the chemical.

The City Council rejected the proposal and Mayor Fred Peterson said it probably would violate city law. A fluoridation proposal will be on the November city ballot.

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Liquor Funds To Be Divvied

PORTLAND (AP) — Distribution of funds from state liquor sales and license fees will total \$3,623,693 for the quarter ended Sept. 30, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced Tuesday.

Under the regular allocation formula the state general fund will get \$3,162,500 of this. Counties and cities will split \$470,193.

The distribution will bring state liquor profits up to 65 per cent of the \$23,860,450 set by the Legislature as anticipated revenue for the biennium. This is slightly ahead of that expectation since the biennium is 62 1/2 per cent completed.

Highway Slow Points Listed

The Oregon Highway Commission Tuesday listed the following sections of highways on which there are traffic delays because of construction:

John Day Highway — Between 12 and 16 miles east of Austin.

Columbia River Highway — Between Bratley Park and Wauna.

Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway — For 2 miles east of Coquille.

Willamette Highway — For 7 miles west of junction with U. S. 97.

Pacific Highway — 12 miles north of Grants Pass.

Oregon Coast Highway — Between Kernville and Depoe Bay, for 1 mile south of Florence, and immediately north of Brookings.

Elkton-Sutherlin Highway — Between 14 and 17 miles south of Elkton.

John Day-Burns Highway — North of Burns.

Coos River Highway — For 2 miles east of Coos Bay.

Young Mother Pitifully Fails In Theft Try

CLEVELAND (AP) — A young mother failed in a pitiful attempt at a bank robbery yesterday, and police were puzzled at her motive.

They arrested Mrs. Maybelle Millard, 25, mother of four children, and wife of a 30-year-old veteran who lost both legs in France during World War II.

She is accused of trying to rob a shopping center branch of the Cleveland Trust Co. with a note demanding money. She carried no gun, and left without loot when the woman teller rang the alarm.

Police saw her drive away in a 1955 station wagon and took the license number. She was arrested when she drove up to her comfortable, ranch-style home in suburban Highland Heights about three hours later.

Her husband, Richard, 30, draws a disability pension and is employed as a finisher by an optical firm. He said his wife had been under doctor's care for a year.

The bank teller, 30-year-old Mrs. Florence M. Rees, said the woman shoved three rolls of pennies at her and a piece of children's drawing paper on which was crudely lettered:

"Don't say anything. Give me your money. I have a buddy at the door with a gun on you."

Mrs. Rees opened a drawer,

pressed the alarm button and gave the woman a dollar bill and two quarters in exchange for the pennies. The woman picked up \$1.25 and left. Mrs. Millard was taken to county jail. FBI District Chief H. O. Hawkins said attempted bank robbery charges would be filed. Poultry meat consumption in U. S. increased from 17 pounds in 1940 to 29 pounds in 1956.



From left: Mike Forbes, Marguerite Gleeson

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He's been in the newspaper business for nearly 34 years, working for several small western papers and for 20 years on metropolitan papers in the Los Angeles area.

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