

Central-East Oregon Road Plans Listed

State to Spend Total Of \$44.3 Million On Projects

Plans to spend \$44,340,000 in central and eastern Oregon on interstate primary and secondary routes were announced today by the State Highway department.

Earlier, State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams had said that \$30,734,000 of the amount would go into four and two-lane projects along U. S. Highway 30 from Stanfield junction to the Idaho border.

"In addition to that amount we plan to invest \$6,633,000 on the area's primary roads, \$6,393,000 on secondary roads and \$372,000 on urban improvements," Williams said.

"The two major primary highway improvement projects involve grading and paving 22.11 miles of the John Day highway between Fossil and Service creek at an estimated cost of \$2,600,000 and grading and paving sections of the Central Oregon highway between Juntura and Vale at a cost of \$2,135,000," he said.

Other primary projects: Grading and paving seven miles of the Wallowa Lake highway in the canyon between Minam and Rock creek, \$675,000; grading and paving 1.6 miles of the Lostine section of the Wallowa Lake route, \$133,000; and grading and paving another four miles of the same highway between Rhinehart and Elgin, \$890,000.

"Major single secondary highway project planned for this division will be seven miles of grading and paving on the eastern unit of the Baker-Homestead highway between Black Bridge and Richland at a cost of some \$875,000," Williams said.

Other secondary highway projects are scheduled for the Kimberly-Long creek highway, the Hermiston highway, the Ukiah-Hillard highway, the Wasco-Heppner highway, the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway, the Haines-Anthony highway, the Sumpter Valley highway, the Little Sheep creek highway and the Weston-Elgin highway.

Urban projects included in the program, Williams said, include \$160,000 in improvements and paving of Campbell street in Baker, widening and paving along U. S. 30 from the north city limits in Baker to Broadway at a cost of \$135,000 and construction in Baker of the main street-resort street one-way couplet at a cost of \$277,000.

Lane County's Forest Income Double 1955's

EUGENE, Ore. — Lane county's income from national forest land rentals and timber sales this year is almost double the payment received this time in 1955, Treasurer Olga Freeman said Tuesday.

She said the county received a check this week for \$1,898,057 for the land rentals and timber sales during the 1955-56 fiscal year. In 1954-55, the county received less than a million dollars.

Notes on the News

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\$63 Million Sought For Higher Education

Biennium Budget To Go Before Legislature

Operating budgets from all funds for the state system of higher education will total \$63,370,831 if requests submitted in the biennial report of the state board of higher education released this week are approved by the 1957 legislature.

Of this total, \$16,001,536 would be obtained from non-state income and \$47,369,295 from state appropriation.

Enrollment Up 25 Per Cent

In submitting the budget request, Chancellor John R. Richards points out that the seven system campuses enrolled 25 per cent more students during the biennium just closing than during the previous biennium and that a further increase of 19 per cent is expected during the next biennium.

The total budget requested for instruction and general services, \$46,349,549, will include funds to employ an additional 275 teaching faculty members and grant present faculty members salary adjustments which will make their positions more nearly competitive with those in private industry and at other institutions.

Under the proposed budget, student-teacher ratios will be restored to the 1954 level. Increases in upper-division and graduate students, a reflection of the increasing demands of our civilization for highly-trained technical and scientific personnel, require lowering of the student-teacher ratio and employment and retention of an increasing number of outstanding, experienced faculty personnel.

Relatively small increases have been asked for added service staff and teaching supplies and equipment. An increase of \$200,000 in the fund for rehabilitation of older buildings and land purchases will provide \$935,000 for this purpose.

Institutional executives had presented requests totaling \$1,700,000.

Medical School Income From Hospital and Clinics, federal cooperative extension service, and agricultural research. Total budget for the Medical School teaching hospital and clinics for the biennium is \$5,378,080, of which 15 per cent will come from non-state sources. State appropriations requested show an increase of \$1,639,914 over the past biennium, primarily due to increased cost of supplies and services and the fact that the teaching hospital will be operating for the first time during an entire two-year budgetary period.

The federal cooperative extension service receives an estimated 42 per cent of its income from federal and county funds. A budget increase of \$227,700 for the biennium will provide 12 additional county agents and extension specialists to serve Oregon's growing agricultural industry.

Agricultural research funds provide for 15 research departments at the central station at Corvallis and 13 branch stations and experimental areas located in agricultural regions of the state. Increased staff and supplies to provide needed research, including provision for a lower Willamette valley experiment station, would require a budget addition of \$246,754 for the next biennium. Forty per cent of this sum will be provided from federal funds and service fees.

Forest Burning Again Permitted

Gov. Elmo Smith Tuesday reopened 13 Northwest Oregon counties that had been closed to forest burning last week because of the severe fire hazard.

Tuesday's order means that burning without permit can be resumed. Forests throughout the region have been dampened by rain.

'56 Political Use of Union Dues Probed

WASHINGTON — Congressional sources said today a federal grand jury is investigating charges that Flint, Mich., labor groups unlawfully used dues funds in the 1956 election campaign.

The investigation involves allegations, aired publicly by Sen. Curtis (R-Mich.), that the Greater Flint Industrial Council-CIO last September caused some \$25,000 of United Auto Workers members' dues to be diverted into a fund for "partisan political purposes" in violation of election laws.

The law forbids labor unions or corporations to contribute directly to political campaigns.

Senate sources, declining to be quoted by name, said the grand

jury has been convened in Bay City, Mich., to consider evidence gathered by the FBI. The Justice Department reserved comment.

Curtis outlined these and other allegations:

1. That the Greater Flint Industrial Council had "caused local unions to take money from their general fund, made up from dues, and have it transferred for partisan political purposes to affect the outcome of the current election."

2. That Local 599 of the UAW in Flint, in response to a request from its executive board, voted Sept. 9 to provide money for political purposes and that minutes of the local's meeting would show "it was discussed that what was being done was in violation of law."

3. That the local approved a plan to pay 100 or more "election workers" at a rate of \$20 a day, plus \$5 a day in expenses for three days, and that its total "political" expenditures had been estimated at around \$25,000.

14TH HIGHEST IN U. S.

Ore. Teachers Paid Average of \$4,525

WASHINGTON — A National Education Assn. (NEA) survey indicates it's a toss-up financially whether you teach school in Oregon or Washington.

The survey ranks Washington 13th and Oregon 14th in the average salary paid to teachers this year. But based on purchasing power, the survey reverses the order of the two states.

Washington's \$4,551 average yearly salary is computed by NEA as being worth \$3,986 in purchasing power of 1947-1949 dollars. Oregon's slightly lower \$4,525 average, however, is rated at \$3,992 purchasing power.

Whichever way it's figured, both states are well over the \$4,220 average salary nationally.

The survey, which comes up with statistics on various educational problems, also discloses that of 2,331 teachers who quit their jobs in Washington last year, 33 per cent did so because of marriage or family reasons. Another 23 per cent went to other states, 10 per cent got into other types of employment, 9 per cent retired for old age or disability and 25 per cent left for other reasons.

A similar breakdown for Oregon was not available.

Other Washington-Oregon data in the survey discloses that 1 per cent of Washington's 531,397 students enrolled in public schools are not in full-time attendance because of a lack of teachers or classrooms. In Oregon, only one-tenth of 1 per cent of its 351,393

students are similarly affected. Both states report a shortage of teachers of all classes with Washington describing its shortage of both rural and urban elementary teachers as "large." At the same time, both states report larger enrollment in teacher education institutions. Washington is shown with a need for 1,456 classrooms and Oregon 880 to reduce class size and replace obsolete and makeshift classrooms.

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Santa and the SECRET ROOM

by LUCRECE HUDGINS BEALE

Synopsis: I am Alexander. I live with seven brothers and seven sisters. One night, shortly before Christmas, soldiers came to our house looking for Princess Anne who had been kidnapped from the palace. When I went to the barn to bed I heard someone inside. I knew it was the kidnapper.

CHAPTER TWO A STRANGE STORY

As soon as I knew there was someone in the barn I turned around and ran back to the house. The snow was piled in drifts all still coming down, and I was so scared I couldn't see at all. Suddenly I tripped. The lantern flew from my hands and the light went out. I staggered on and in the dark I was certain there was someone at my heels.

I shouted, "Help! Help!" and threw myself at the kitchen door. Thomas opened the door and I hurried in. "He's out there!" I screamed. "He's in the barn."

All my brothers and my sisters gathered around. "Who, Alexander? Who is in the barn?" "The kidnapper of the Princess Anne! I heard him breathing there. I think he means to kidnap us all!"

Well, they were just as excited as I was. Thomas said, "Come on! What are we waiting for?" He took me by the hand and we all went back to the barn, the girls carrying lanterns and the boys carrying axes and broom sticks and heavy iron pots.

Kidnapper Was Gone
But when we got there the kidnapper was gone. We listened and hunted but we couldn't find anybody.

Amanda smoothed my hair. "Peer Alexander," she said. "It was all your imagination. You mustn't worry about Princess Anne. She will be found and the kidnapper punished, too. Now go to bed and think about it no more."

"They talk me there alone and I crawled up into the loft. But as soon as I'd put out the lantern and settled down in the hay I heard it again—plain as before. It was somebody breathing and it was close by my side.



"No one kidnapped me. I ran away."

This time I didn't run away. I reached down suddenly into the hay.

And it was somebody all right. I fastened my arms around him and cried, "Now I have you whoever you are!"

'You're Hurting Me'
Then, to my astonishment, whoever it was started to wiggle and cry.

"Let me go! Oh, you're hurting me!" I couldn't believe my ears for surely only a girl would carry on so.

I got up and lit the lantern and there, sure enough, was a girl half smothered in the hay. She was a golden haired child in a flimsy blue dress and I thought for a moment she was a fairy who had wandered away from some sunny fairy land.

"Are you a fairy?" I whispered. She sobbed and shook her head. Then suddenly I knew. It wasn't a fairy she was a princess.

"You're Anne!" I cried. "You're Princess Anne! Who kidnapped you? Who brought you here?"

She stopped sobbing and looked at me. "No one kidnapped me. I ran away!"

"Ran away! But your father, the king! He is frantic and my sisters say he will die of a broken heart if you aren't returned."

He'll Do Something Awful
"It's not true!" cried the princess. "He's wicked. I'm afraid of him. He is going to do something awful to me."

"Why?" I asked, "people say he is the kindest of men and rules wisely and well."

"He used to," moaned the princess. "And I always loved him. But suddenly he is changed. He spends all his time in a secret room."

"Secret room!" I whispered. "What is in there?"

"I don't know. I don't know! Whoever has gone into that room with him has never come out again!"

Tomorrow: We Make a Wish