

House Unit Clears 13 Road Bills for Action

\$8 Million Bonding Measure to Be Introduced

A package of 13 bills recommended by the State Highway Commission was approved for introduction by the House Highway Committee in its first working session here late yesterday.

Most complicated of the bills recommended changes in the state through-way act to conform with federal requirements. The bill would remove a restriction that a road cannot be more than 100 feet wide or more than 100 feet high.

Another important bill would authorize the commission to issue and sell \$8 million in bonds to meet requirements for full participation in the federal interstate highway program.

Other bills would:

- Permit roadwork machines to travel highway while working on projects without getting individual trip permits.
- Simplify enforcement of laws on over-size and over-weight vehicles.
- Prohibit fishing from bridges and other structures under highway department control.
- Transfer control of the Pacific Ocean shore from the Highway Department to the State Land Board, which also has some authority over the beaches. The shore between high and low tide was designated a public highway during the administration of Gov. Oswald West to save it for public use.
- Give Highway Department some leeway in placement of stop signs at main or through highways.
- Change descriptions of state highways to conform with routes now being followed or being built.
- Give the Highway Department specific authority to erect necessary signs and signals.
- Give authority to issue permits for gas, phone, water and other lines and cables to cross highways.
- Increase the revolving fund of the state highway engineer from \$1 million to \$1.5 million. The money is used largely for immediate payment for turn-off-ways.
- Amend the "right-of-way" rule so that a driver stopped on the red after stopping only from a one-way street into another one-way street.
- Give the department authority to reduce load limits on highways during floods or other emergencies.

Robert May, commission attorney, said the department wants legislation to eliminate access restrictions in limited business areas. He said the growth of freeways and throughways has brought changes in access and right-of-way requirements that were set up originally for main highways and thoroughfares.

The commission's program also includes two proposals to clarify weight and size restrictions on heavy vehicles. May said there is no law governing movement of extremely large road working equipment on state highways, although in some cases special permits had been issued for limited or one-way travel.

To simplify enforcement of the truck weight law, the commission wants to place more responsibility on the state police to issue citations for overloading. May said trucks have complained in courts that weighmasters did not have enforcement authority, and in some instances the courts have backed them up.

The proposed ban on fishing from highway bridges and culverts stems from a situation peculiar to coastal roads, May explained. He said few of the bridges have pedestrian walkways and anglers frequently cause traffic congestion by parking their cars on or near the bridge approaches.

Supervision of the ocean beaches by the commission has created "some burdens" which the commission would like to give to another agency, May said. The beaches by law are public highways, but May said the commission "on doesn't have the equipment or personnel to keep them free of trash."

May denied the proposal was intended to avoid having to haul away stranded whales or other deep sea denizens washed up on the shores.

At the 1953 Legislature, May recalled, legislation known as the "Dead Whale Bill" was introduced, but failed of passage. It would have required the Highway Commission to dispose of such carcasses.

May said the commission had discussed the transfer with several state agencies, including the Land Board, which already has some jurisdiction over the beaches, May indicated, however, that the Land Board was not enthused.

"This is the first time I ever heard of the Highway Commission voluntarily wanting to give away property," commented Rep. Robert Elstrom (R), Salem, who is serving his third legislative term and is a former House Highways Committee chairman.

FBI Hunts Solid Gold Coffee Pot

WORTH \$50,000

BOSTON (UP)—The intricate machinery of the FBI clicked into high gear today in the search for a missing solid gold, \$50,000 coffee pot.

The diamond knobbed percolator, disappeared from an air freight counter at Logan Airport Wednesday and FBI agents joined the search when the package failed to turn up at any of 34 possible destinations across the country.

Authorities first believed the plain fibre suitcase containing the electric percolator had been incorrectly shipped to the wrong address. Clerks frantically checked every air freight terminal they could find before admitting that thieves may be making their morning java in the jewel-studded pot.

The percolator, which boasts a four-carat diamond in place of the usual glass knob at the top, is owned by Landers, Frary and Clark of New Britain, Conn. The pot was turned out in solid gold to commemorate manufacture of the firm's 15 millionth automatic percolator last year.

The last known person to see the coffee pot's special case told police it was next to his desk when it disappeared. The clerk in the air express office of the American Express Co., said the case could have been stolen or shipped to the wrong destination. The FBI officially listed it as missing and possibly stolen and was looking for it on that basis.

The automatic coffee maker had been on loan to the March of Dimes which used it in a series of fund-raising coffee parties across the nation. It was last used for a party at a Marblehead Yacht Club and was destined for Providence, R.I. It was being shipped by Emery Air Freight.

Officials of the Landers, Frary and Clark Co., said the percolator is fully insured. The fancy coffee pot is studded with 250 diamonds and 150 rubies. A three and one half carat diamond is used instead of the usual flavor selector knob.

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Foot of Snow Falls in N.Y. Freezing Zone

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More snow and continued cold was the wintry weather outlook for broad areas of the country today.

The season's longest cold wave—more than a week in some Midwest and Eastern areas—has brought record low temperatures and heavy falls of snow.

Nearly a foot of snow fell yesterday in the Buffalo, N.Y., area as a near blizzard whipped off Lake Erie. Snow fell during the night and early morning in most of the Great Lakes region and southward into the Ohio Valley and also in the middle Mississippi Valley.

Heavy snow was expected off the east end of Lake Ontario, with lighter amounts for central New York and sections north of Albany. New England also was in the path of the snowstorm.

Colder air extended southward into the South Atlantic Coast states and only extreme of the Florida was out of the frigid belt. Temperatures were below freezing along the middle Gulf Coast extending into extreme northern Florida.

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Church Studies Building Bids

Decision as to the acceptance or rejection of bids tendered Thursday for the proposed construction of St. Mark's Lutheran church will be made by the congregation during the annual business meeting scheduled for Sunday night.

Three bids were received by the building committee. The figures were not made known to the general public.

The new church is planned for the southwest corner of Marion and North Winter streets, where the congregation purchases several lots a gre yard site.

The old church is located near the North Church and Chemeketa street intersection.

Arabs Desperate, Welcome Changes

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

The young, Western-educated Arab slammed his fist on the table in anger.

"How long?" he demanded. "Must I go on being ashamed for my own people? How long must I go on despising the rulers of my own country?"

My young friend—call him Sa'ad—frankly described himself as a member of the growing group of young people calling themselves the "Mutahemurin"—the disgusted ones of Iraq.

"We are like many other young people in Arab countries," he said. "We are becoming desperate. We will take any change—so long as it's a change."

"You Americans speak of a vacuum here. There is your real vacuum. It is not military. The young people of the Arab world will make its future for better or worse. You must help give them something to look forward to."

Sa'ad, like many another in the area, wants to be a friend of the West. He likes and copies Western ways. He suspects Russians and Communists.

Will he welcome the Eisenhower doctrine? Only in the sense that direct interest in the Middle East. The Eisenhower statement promised nothing that would directly solve Sa'ad's problems or the problems of Israel either, for that matter.

Both Arabs and Israelis have indicated that above all else they need a period of quiet—freedom from the interminable tension. Only if this can be achieved, they say, can there be any attempt to attack the real roots of the danger. The danger is this:

Not a single Arab state in the Middle East can offer its people a firm promise of security. Not an Arab state in the area—possibly excepting Lebanon—can claim to be free of any instability.

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In addition, the Arab sense of injustice at the creation of Israel, and the sense of frustration at the superiority of Israel's military, economic and social life, add yeast to the growing ferment.

Weather Plane Crashes



Air Force men check wreckage strewn over frozen countryside after a big Air Force plane crashed and exploded to bits shortly after take-off from Fairbanks, Alaska. All 12 aboard were killed. (U.S. Air Force photo via AP Wirephoto)

Accused Doctor Wouldn't Let Rich Widow Go Into Hospital

By EDDY GILMORE

EASTBROOK, England (UP)—A medical associate of Dr. John Bodkin Adams said Friday Adams would not allow a rich widow he is accused of poisoning to be moved to a hospital.

Dr. Ronald V. Harris testified he told Dr. Adams of his suspicion that Mrs. Gertrude Hullett was suffering from an overdose of drugs.

"He said this was not possible," Harris told the five justices of the peace holding a preliminary hearing into charges that Adams poisoned for profit.

The 57-year-old society doctor is appearing before a magistrate's tribunal on the formal charge that he murdered Mrs. Edith Powell, another of his rich elderly patients, because of her husband's accusations of his killing Mrs. Hullett and her husband out of "greed for money."

Adams benefited from the wills of all three.

Dr. Harris said he first saw Mrs. Hullett three days before her death last July in answer to an emergency call because Dr. Adams was not available.

"I found her in a comatose state and she could not be moved," he testified.

Harris said he consulted later with Adams and "asked him about the possibility of an overdose of drugs."

"He said this was not possible," Harris related. "I asked him what he considered the diagnosis was and he suggested cerebral hemorrhage."

Also scheduled to testify Friday was the coroner who held the inquest into Mrs. Hullett's death last summer. The prosecution wants to ask him about a missing 1,000-pound (\$2,800) check which Scotland Yard says Mrs. Hullett gave Adams just before she died.

Carlson Sees Postal Raise

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sen. Carlson (R-Kan) said Friday he will introduce legislation to increase postal rates this year.

However, the Kansan indicated in an interview he wasn't sure the lawmakers could go along with the full 654 million dollar annual increase requested in President Eisenhower's budget. Carlson is senior Republican on the Senate Post Office Committee.

Eisenhower did not spell out how he proposed to get the additional revenue, explaining he would leave that for a later message.

But administration officials have said Congress will be asked to boost the letter rate from 3 to 5 cents an ounce.

The proposed 654 million dollar increase in postal revenue in this year's budget would barely prevent the 651 million dollar deficit now forecast for fiscal 1958, starting next July 1.

Speech Tourneys Set at Linfield

McMINNVILLE (UP)—Oregon high school and college speech tournaments will be held at Linfield College here next month and March.

"The Brannan Plan of Federal Agriculture Aid" will be the topic for the high schoolers' debate Feb. 21-22. The college contestants will discuss foreign aid March 7-9.

Some 500 students are expected for the two meets.

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Many thoughtful Arab leaders are seeking a way out of the area's pressing troubles. Frequently the suggestion is heard that a new league of Arab states, under United Nations auspices and with a fund sponsored by the United States, make an exhaustive study of the resources and how they could be used to develop the area.

If such a program should get under way with American technical help, it might go a long way toward providing an effective weapon against the sort of Communist penetration which cannot be fought off with guns.

"Make us sufficiently strong to defend our own internal fronts and we will call on you if necessary to defend our frontiers," they are telling the United States.

"If we could wait for the dust to settle," one Arab leader told me recently, "if we could turn our backs on the problem of Palestine for a while, perhaps in five years or so we no longer would be in fear of Israel. Perhaps we could even live together with Israel."

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OSEA Report On Wages Sent To Legislators

The state representatives have been sent Oregon State Employees Association's 83-page salary and wages report. Announcement was made by Jim Daniels, OSEA executive secretary, who stated that the monumental undertaking to remedy the state's pay structure was entirely voluntary service to the state.

The report, with its sun-yellow cover adorned with a mosaic of scenes depicting state employees at work, contains the findings, analyses and recommendations of the OSEA salary and wages committee.

Calculation of more than seven months' salary study, the report sets forth in tabulated, cataloged and descriptive form the summarized data.

Spotlighted are salary inequities wherever they exist in Oregon's pay plan. The committee's recommendations for remedial action are based upon comparative averages or proper internal relationships, it was pointed out by Jay Blair, chairman of the OSEA general committee on salary and wages.

Climaxing months of comparative studies, the survey was put together by volunteer workers who met Monday evening at OSEA headquarters to assemble the booklet. Several state agencies were represented by the volunteers who made light work of the final task.

Five hundred copies were assembled for presentation to the Fortyninth Legislative Assembly, OSEA chapters and key people.

Monmouth Plans Souvenir Salem For Centennial

MONMOUTH (Special)—The final drive to sell the remaining Centennial souvenir booklets and plates is planned for Jan. 23. The OCE choir and the volunteer fire department will do the selling.

The choir will receive 25 per cent and the other 75 per cent will go to the purchase of a resuscitator. The resuscitator was demonstrated for members of the fire department and Centennial commission and will be purchased soon.

Enough funds are on hand for the purchase of the basic machine but money is needed to buy the needed accessories.

OCE Students Earn \$19,938

MONMOUTH (Special)—Students at Oregon College of Education contributed to their self-support by earning \$19,938 during fall term 1956 as part-time workers for the college, according to information released by the dean's office this week.

Campus employment assisted 229 students last term, almost 30 per cent of the total student body. The average monthly wage for the part-time worker was \$29.02. Of the 229 employed, 190 were in the category earning an average of \$40 per month or less.

Student employment at OCE is arranged by the dean's office as part of the student welfare program.

The Kingdom of Jordan, one of the states involved in the Middle East conflict, is about the size of the state of Indiana.

Givens Found Dead in Hotel

Funeral services for John H. Givens, 49 State St., will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the W. T. Rigdon chapel with interment at Jason Lee Mission cemetery.

Givens, 66, was found dead in a room of the Hotel Morris on State St., according to police who said death was caused by natural causes. Hotel officials say Givens had lived at the hotel for the past five years and there are no known survivors.

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Portland Orchestra To Go on Europe Tour
PORTLAND (UP)—Portland's all-girl Little Chamber Orchestra will get free transportation from the Army to and from Europe on a scheduled concert tour next summer. Chamber spokesmen got this word Thursday.

The State Department is backing the tour, which will take the orchestra to England, Norway and France and to a number of Army European posts.

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