

Winter Grind Fails to Damage South River Road This Year

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South River road, which follows the east bank of the Willamette river to a point near Orville, has caused the Marion county road department little trouble this winter. This is in contrast to a year ago when heavy rains caused a slippage of earth from the uphill side, which in turn resulted in considerable buckling of the road surface between East Independence and Orville.

County Commissioner Roy Rice, who, over the past few years has had occasion to observe the condition of the South River road, believes the lack of moisture this

winter is largely responsible for the cessation of earth movement.

Many Hours of Work

For a number of years the county road department has been compelled to spend many hours and a considerable amount of money in keeping South River road under control.

Following last winter's excessive damage it was decided to wait a considerable length of time before making permanent repairs. So the worst stretch of a few hundred yards was smoothed out and a coating of oil placed to keep the surface from being scattered by passing motor vehicles.

Commissioner Rice believes the situation will not be brought under control until drainage ditches of considerable magnitude are placed above the road to take care of the overflow from two "lakes" that fill up during periods of excessive rainfall. This overflow seeps into the earth until it reaches an almost impervious slipplane, then moves on down the slope, carrying top soil with it.

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Last year the slippage encroached upon the Oregon Electric

Police Fish Bike From Mill Creek

Anyone who has lost an almost new girl's-type bicycle and has been unable to get trace of it might do well to check with the state police.

A bike of this description was fished out of Mill creek near the east city limits by the police. They report that no one has contacted either the city police or the sheriff's office concerning such a bicycle.

A right-of-way which parallels the county road. This situation necessitated the expenditure of a considerable sum of money to prevent the land from moving the tracks further toward the river.

Since South River road connects Salem and Independence via the Willamette river bridge, the flow of traffic is rather extensive, particularly during the harvest season.

A few years ago the county joined with the state and the federal government in widening and re-aligning South River road from the city limits to a point near Roberts. There is considerable work yet to be done south of Roberts but the authorities hesitate to make much of an investment in a road that refuses to stay put.

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Dallas Men Found Guilty Of Forgery

One man was sentenced to three concurrent 18-month terms in the state prison Monday by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, while a companion was placed on probation for five years and ordered to make restitution.

Charles LeRoy Armstrong, Dallas, found guilty by a jury on two check forgery counts involving checks of \$38 and \$23, was sentenced to serve 18 months on each charge. In addition he received another 18-months jolt for parole violation. The sentences will run concurrently.

Donald William Schnee, also of Dallas, convicted with Armstrong on the \$23 check charge, was placed on probation for five years while being required to make restitution.

Charles Perrie Retherford, 683 Center St., waived grand jury investigation on a charge of obtaining money and property by false pretenses. The case was continued to Feb. 18.

Suit Charges Injury of Arm

A traffic accident, involving a truck and an automobile at Center and Cottage streets in August, 1955, has been brought into Marion county circuit court for settlement.

Robert Hvidsten brought suit against the Smithwick Concrete Products company for \$2,500 general damages in addition to \$200 loss of wages, \$15 medical services and \$50 damages to his car.

The plaintiff states that he received an injured right arm when his automobile was struck by a truck owned by the defendant company.

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