

Highway Proposed Will Cross Four Coast Nations

An international highway connecting California and the Pacific north west with British Columbia, the Yukon territory and Alaska. This is the objective of legislation pending in congress, according to the Oregon State Motor Association, which has endorsed the proposal. Bills have been introduced authorizing an investigation of the feasibility of such a project and providing an appropriation of \$25,000 for a commission of three to study the plan.

The proposed route would connect existing roads along the Pacific coast states into British Columbia with Alaskan roads, the gap to be covered between the Canadian-United States line and Fairbanks, Alaska, being some 2,000 miles. The United States department of interior, the Canadian government and the territory of Alaska are collaborating in the plans under way.

A Canadian road now leads from the terminus of the Pacific highway as far as Hazelton, an outpost of civilization a thousand miles north of the border. From Hazelton, a dirt trail leads northward to Telegraph creek with but 2,000 or 3,000 inhabitants. Two hundred miles further is White Horse, where the Yukon is first encountered. Then comes the long stretch of uninhabited wild country reaching all the way to Fairbanks. The whole of the proposed road would be inside of the Coast range and parallel to the coast at an average distance of some 60 or 70 miles. The region is semi-arid, practically untouched by man, and abounds in wild game and unusual scenery.

Last year 500,000 automobiles carrying 1,000,000 people crossed the Canadian border at the Peace Portal. Many of these people might have penetrated the deep interior had transportation been available.

The American Automobile Association, representing over a million motorists, is actively supporting the

project and the Western Motor Clubs conference, in which the automobile clubs of the eleven western states, British Columbia, Canada and the Hawaiian Islands hold membership, endorsed the plan at its recent annual meeting. The automobile association points out that the construction of such a highway would result in immeasurable good in the development of the territory traversed by it, and in further cementing the bonds of friendship between the English speaking peoples of the western hemisphere.

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... of Eugene, who has won national recognition as champion 411 lb. all-around athlete, will leave soon for Chicago, where she will be the guest of honor at the eighth annual Boys' and Girls' club congress. Upon her return she will be greeted by 2900 Lane county club members, proud of the 16-year-old club worker and her work in bringing their county and state into the national limelight.

The bridge that spans the McKenzie river near Coburg was permanently closed last week when the county court placed barricades at both ends of the span. Built in 1878, of heavy fir timber, the old bridge has stood up under 50 years of traffic and weather. The University of Oregon has made request for some of the old timber when the span is raised in order to make tests to determine if the heavier piers are as strong as new lumber.

The Jerusalem artichoke harvest has been begun in the Grand Island vicinity. A crop of eight acres was raised for the laboratories of the University of California as a substitute for sugar, and to combat diabetes.

The state reclamation commission at meeting recently, approved a deal whereby the Rogue river valley irrigation district takes over the entire interest of the Public Water company in a series of canal and reservoirs in Jackson county.

County Budget Meeting Will Be Storm Center

A great deal of interest is being manifested over the county in the final action of the county budget committee at the meeting to be held at Moro next Thursday, particularly in regard to the allowance to be made for maintaining the work of the county school superintendent for the ensuing year.

For a number of years last past the salary paid has been above the legislative allowance. This was done by the court when a successor was appointed to succeed Mr. Curfman who had resigned because he could secure a much larger salary as a teacher than to continue as county superintendent.

At the last term of circuit court a suit brought against the members of the county court to enforce the salary requirement was withdrawn when it was agreed that the salary would be reduced to the legislative allotment. The budget committee, in preparing the budget previously, had conformed to the salary requirement and at the same time had given a grant of expense money to the office with the implied understanding that Mrs. Rakes would be the employee who would benefit and thus the family earnings would not materially suffer because of an enforcement of the legislative requirement.

Final action on the two opposing viewpoints will be taken next Thursday when, it is understood, those having decisive opinions on either side will be present to state their case.

To clarify the situation somewhat we quote from a letter received at this office this week wherein it is stated that "it may not be known by many that at the time the present salary of \$1500 for the county superintendent was set years ago the amount stated would buy as much or more than \$3000 will do at the present time. Also, at that time there was not as much required of the superintendent as there is at the present time, when a man is required who is alive, posted, capable of organizing and capable of settling tangles, capable of giving something to the school when he visits. Not that we did not have all this, but it was not possible under the organization a few years back to be of much service to the schools. Now one can, if he is a capable superintendent such as we are fortunate to have at the present, advance the schools in so many ways that it will be impossible to chronicle it here. But all one will have to do is to think and make comparisons. That will be enough for a liberal-minded person.

"Now, that the county court has tried to help matters out in order to retain a good man at the head of our schools—something else must be done, and by people who have an interest in our school system. It is known that since Mr. Rake's salary is cut to \$1500 a year that he will not stay with the office, unless a compromise is made to even up financial affairs. He can't afford to. He has been offered as much as \$2700 if he should resign his office.

"The budget committee placed the \$900 which was taken from his salary to the pay for office work, which would be paying it to the same family, for Mrs. Rakes does all the office work which he doesn't do himself. This, we think, will keep the present superintendent on the job. This matter will come up at the county budget hearing at the courthouse on December 12th at 10 o'clock. All who are interested in education be there to vote on it, if the salary will remain at \$1500 and we will have to make out with a \$1500 man. We can't afford to do it."

Functions Of Food

Every living thing and everybody must eat. Plant foods, other than that already contained in the soil and added by man, are usually called fertilizers, while animal foods go under the general name of rations.

For animals the function of food may be said to be of a two-fold-kind to build up the animal frame, to furnish the material for the growth of flesh, fat, bone and other parts of the animal body in the case of young or fattening animals, and also to repair the waste of the tissues which is constantly taking place owing to the wear and tear of life; and secondly, it serves for the maintenance of animal heating. Because this is true, foods may be divided into two great classes. These are foods which "make animal tissues and the foods which give heating.

The first class of foods may be split into foods which make flesh and foods which make fat. Every food, whether vegetable or animal in its nature, may be split up into certain groups of substances and on the proportion on which it contains these substances its value as a food depends.

Foods of an animal origin may be divided into three groups—albuminoids, fat and mineral substances. In foods of a vegetable origin we have, in addition to these substances, carbohydrates. The functions performed by these substances, whether animal or vegetable origin, seem to be similar.

It is almost too long a story to discuss the action of the different substances here, but it is good information to know the facts given above.

Moro Scout News

Scouts of Troop VI are progressing rapidly and the majority of the boys will receive awards at the Court of Honor to be held at Moro some time in late December. Scout Tommy Fraser will be presented with the eagle badge, the highest award in scouting, at the December court.

W. W. Belcher, scout executive, was present at the meeting Tuesday evening, November 26, and assisted Scoutmaster Truitt and Hammersley with the evening program.

Charles Miller, of the National Boy Scout headquarters and John H. Piper, regional scout executive, will participate in the annual meeting of the Mid-Columbia Deschutes Area Council to be held at The Dalles Hotel Saturday evening, December 7th, at 7 p. m., according to an announcement from Scout Executive W. W. Belcher.

Plans for the meeting include a review of the past year's activities and progress and some proposed changes for the coming year. Entertainment is being taken care of by Marion Sexton, of The Dalles district.

George J. Childs, of Bend, president of the Area Council will preside and a large attendance from the nine counties served by this council is expected. Many of the men are bringing their wives to this meeting, as this one meeting a year is the only mixed one held in the area.

Attendance is open to anyone interested in scouting, it was announced, and all wishing to come are urged to notify boy scout headquarters in The Dalles of their intention.

Newspaper Says Mergers Benefit Household

The Concord N. C., Tribune, says mergers in the utility industry should benefit householders as well as stockholders:

"President Sloan of the New York Edison Company says the huge mergers which have been formed in the light and power industry must justify themselves by bringing lower rates to the consumer, and he is eternally right. The New York World hits the nail on the head with the declaration that the economies which have been claimed for them (the mergers) must benefit the household as well as the stockholder.

"Lower rates do not necessarily mean less profit, inasmuch as cheaper electricity stimulates consumption, and the larger the output of current the lower the cost per unit. Mr. Sloan hopes the industry can be developed to the point where it will be cheaper to use electricity than not to use it, and when this condition is arrived at, it should be possible to realize a good margin of profit at small cost to the consumer."

"Mergers which tend only to increase the wealth and power of industrial enterprises are not wholesome, for there is no justification for them unless the public benefits. Experts are working on the problem of reducing investment costs, and at the same time are giving thought to the matter of increasing revenues by increasing consumption.

It is just about the time of the year for some of the genuine spring garden fiends to begin to show signs of the same complaint.

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Music has a place with every member of the family. What gift could be more lasting in memory? What gift could be more appreciated at so little cost?

Christmas Gift Suggestions

For every member of the family and also for sweetheart and friends. Come in and see! We are open evenings until after the Holidays.

For "Dad" or Brother

(Column two)

- Radio
- Portable Phonograph
- Accordion
- Piano Accordion
- Trumpet
- Horn
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Bugle
- Harmonicas
- Ukes
- Banjo Uke
- Banjo
- Guitar
- Tenor Guitar
- Music Roll
- Popular Music
- Music Stand
- Record Sets
- Cases of All Kinds



Come in and make your selection. We will gladly hold your choice and make Christmas Eve delivery.

For Mother or Sister

(Column one)

- Guitar
- Banjo
- Portable Phonograph
- Ukuleles
- Phonograph Record Sets
- Harmonicas
- Music Rolls
- Music Stands
- Music Albums
- Popular Music Hits in Sets
- Piano Accordion
- Violin
- Violin Case
- Violin Bow
- Banjo Case
- Uke Case
- Guitar Case
- Piano Bench Pad
- Piano Scarf
- Mandolin

To Every Resident of Sherman County We Offer a Contest!

Contest is open to every resident of Sherman County—man woman or child—except employes of the Sherman County Music House, writing the manager of the Sherman County Music House a letter of not more than 250 words.

To the first contestant arriving at the correct solution will be awarded a **Grand Capital Prize**—a Brunswick Portable Phonograph, and to other contestants the following Credit Certificates applicable to the purchase of musical instruments in our store.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

- First Prize \$200 Credit Certificate to apply on any new piano on our floor.
- Second Prize \$150 Credit Certificate to apply on any new piano on our floor.
- Third Prize \$100 Credit Certificate to apply on any new piano on our floor.
- Fourth Prize \$75 Credit Certificate to apply on any new piano on our floor.
- Fifth Prize \$50 Credit Certificate to apply on any new piano on our floor.
- Sixth Prize \$35 Credit Certificate to apply on Radio purchase.
- Ten Next Prizes \$15 Credit Certificate on purchase of Band Instrument.
- Fifteen Next Prizes \$10 Credit Certificate to apply on Piano Accordion purchase.
- Seven Next Prizes \$2 Credit Certificate to apply on purchase of any String Instrument.
- Twenty-six Next Prizes \$1 Credit Certificate to apply on purchase of any five Phonograph Records.

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1. Which item or suggested gifts are shown in column two that are not shown in column one?
2. Which items or suggested gifts are shown in column one that are not included in column two?
3. Why is the Piano the ideal instrument for the home?
4. Letter must be mailed not later than December 31, 1929, marked "Contest."
5. Each contestant must be a resident of Sherman county, Oregon.
6. All letters must be written in legible form, using one side of paper only, and must be mailed and postmarked not later than December 31, 1929.
7. Contest closes January 1, 1930. Winners will be declared as soon after as the judges are able to report. All Credit Certificates must be used not later than February 1, 1930.
8. Credit Certificates will not be transferable. The right is reserved to cancel letters at any time. The first winning letters will be printed in the Sherman County Observer. The judges selected to mark the standing of contestants are: Mr. Lawrence W. Rakes, County School Superintendent; Rev. Chas. D. Parrott, pastor Moro Presbyterian church; Miss Bernice Turley, teacher Moro school.

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