

MARTIN WILL OPPOSE STATE REFORMATORY

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SALEM—It will take another 16 years to complete Oregon's present system of primary and secondary highways to modern day standards according to Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission. This estimate, Cabell explains, is based upon a continuation of the state's present highway financing program and an anticipated normal increase in revenues from automobile registration fees and gasoline taxes.

"Any substantial reduction in revenues or any diversion or reallocation of highway funds will indefinitely postpone completion of the highway program," Cabell warns.

Calling attention to the fact that the net revenues of the highway department for 1937 will approximate \$11,170,000 Cabell explains that \$7,400,000 of this amount will be required to meet fixed expenses including payment of bond principle and interest, maintenance and administration costs. This leaves only \$3,770,000 for construction purposes of all kinds of which \$2,000,000 will be required to match federal funds and another \$550,000 for purchase of right of way and surveys for federal aid projects. Only \$1,220,000 will be available for construction and reconstruction of state projects, that is projects in which the federal government does not cooperate.

Cabell declares that much of

the present day agitation for diversion and reallocation of highway funds is due to a failure to understand the problem faced by the highway commission.

"The entire economic principle of highway transportation is predicated upon the assumption that road taxes are specific taxes assessed against a particular class for a particular purpose," Cabell points out. "The diversion of such taxes from road uses is fundamentally unsound and unjust."

Any attempt on the part of the forthcoming legislature to revive the move for a reformatory for first offenders will meet with the opposition of Governor Martin.

"The first offenders are our worst criminals," Governor Martin declared in discussing the prison situation this week. "If we are going to segregate the prisoners it is the older men who should be given the best of it."

Echoing the sentiments of his chief, W. L. Gosslin, secretary to the governor and member of the state parole board this week went on record as favoring a more liberal parole policy rather than a new penal institution.

"A paroled man can be properly supervised at a cost of only \$15 to \$17.50 a year whereas it costs the state \$250 a year to keep a prisoner inside the walls of the penitentiary," Gosslin declared. Under our present inadequate parole system less than one-third of those eligible for parole have been granted clemency. An adequate parole system would justify the governor in paroling 100 more prisoners each year resulting in an annual saving of \$50,000 to the taxpayers."

Plans for a 40-day racing meet at the state fair grounds were given a set-back when

attorney general ruled that the law forbid leasing of the property for this purpose. The law limits racing on Lone Oak track to the six days of the annual fair, VanWinkle declared.

O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education, has just been honored with election as vice president of the American Vocational association which met in annual session at San Antonio, Texas, last week.

Four states besides Oregon will use the black and white combinations in the automobile license plates for 1937. Secretary of State Snell has been advised. They are Missouri, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

SNELL ASKS COOPERATION IN ISSUING EARLY PLATES

In order to reduce the last minute start January 1, Secretary of State Earl Snell is urging that motor vehicle operator's apply for their 1937 license plates as soon as possible.

It is estimated that 350,000 motor vehicles will be licensed in Oregon the coming year, with most of the applications being received around the first of January.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the County Court of the State of Oregon in and For Jackson County

In the Matter of the Estate of ALEXANDER P. GRANT, deceased.

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CHARLES W. BUETTNER, Administrator-with-Will-Annexed of the Estate of Alexander P. Grant, Deceased.
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