

OREGON ROADS ARE GIVEN FEDERAL AID

The appropriation of \$6,000,000 by congress for roads and trails in the national forests assures the carrying out of cooperative work on forest roads as mapped out early in the year by the state highway commission and the forest service. As its share of the \$6,000,000 appropriation, Oregon will be allotted approximately \$400,000 this year and a like amount next year. This amount will be taken up by projects already agreed upon.

In addition to the appropriation for forest roads and trails Oregon will receive this year, out of the continuing \$75,000,000 appropriation for federal aid on post roads, as distinguished from forest roads, approximately \$1,180,000 which is to be applied on the federal system of the state when matched by the state on the approximate basis of 40 per cent state and 60 per cent government.

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Production of Goodrich Tires is being accomplished through the elimination of lost time and waste at a saving which was undreamed of five or six years ago. And the fact remains that probably the most astonishing thing about this economy is that with the advance of efficiency in manufacture has come a steady improvement in the product. The result is that the standard of service for tires has been considerably raised over what it was a few years ago.

In the old days one of the biggest items of waste in tire manufacture came in the fabric that the tire builder trimmed off. This item was also a very important gauge to the quality of the tire, for the tire builder who had a large trim was stretching his plies too much making the tire carcass too tight and susceptible to breakage under strain. On the other hand the tire builder whose trim was practically negligible was not stretching his plies tight enough and the result might show in a wrinkled ply which in the end would weaken the carcass.

Since the advent of mechanical tire building means the product becomes more uniform and labor is not such a factor governing tire quality. Today in the Goodrich factory detailed records are kept of the number of ounces of fabric trimmed from each tire by each building machine operator. These figures are constantly checked by inspectors and waste specialists who are able to correct the machine or builder when the slightest variation occurs. In this way the high standard of quality that is so consistently shown in long mileage records is maintained in every tire produced.

GRESHAM LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mercer and son Glenn attended the graduation exercises at O. A. C. Their son Robert was a member of the graduating class.

The public library will be closed for the Rose Festival parade on Thursday, June 12.

Fred Fieldhouse, Cecil Metzger and Clair Gullikson are enjoying a week's fishing trip at Yacolt.

Miss Edna Mewhirter, sister of Mrs. Roy H. Gibbs and formerly of Gresham, was among the graduates of the Newberg high school this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Peak returned Sunday from Manzanita where they spent several days last week. It rained all the time while they were there. The rain was particularly welcome as it put out many destructive forest fires.

Miss Nora Bushong of Grass Valley and Miss Willa Bushong are employed in the Walrad Mercantile company's store.

One of the plate glass windows in the front of the Ely building, occupied by the L. L. Kidder Hardware company, was broken a few days ago by a rod from the awning which was struck by a truck, backing up to the curb. The window was replaced by the insurance company and the new pane of glass was accidentally cracked by the workmen. It will be replaced. James Elkington represents the company carrying the insurance.

Mrs. Chas. Premo of Portland is visiting for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilkins and family of Dayton, Washington, visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Duncan Sunday. They were on their way to Marshfield to make their home. Mr. Wilkins is a brother of Mrs. Duncan.

George Preston of Yacolt, Washington, visited over the week end with his mother, Mrs. Mary Preston.

Clement Holgate reported finding a ripe loganberry, believed to be the first of the season, on his father's place on the Base Line road. Clement is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Holgate.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Roberts and little son of Huntington, Oregon, are here for a few days visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Roberts. They drove from Huntington and encountered a foot of snow in the Blue mountains on the Old Oregon trail. Mr. Roberts is chief engineer of the Sun Portland Cement company.

M. M. Squire was among the members of the Woodmen of the World of Multnomah Camp who met a delegation of 150 members and their wives from California lodge enroute to the Head Camp session in Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Munson of Long Beach, California, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Squire over Sunday. They are touring Oregon, Washington, and going as far as Victoria, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Mathews, their daughter Margaret and son Woodrow left recently for an extensive trip in Oregon and other states going possibly as far east as Missouri. They intended spending a time in the Yellowstone Park. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Medler of Wasco are taking care of Mr. Mathews' home here. Mr. Medler was in a general merchandise store at Wasco which has been burned out. He is thinking of locating in Portland. Mrs. Medler was formerly Viola Mathews.

The Ladies' Guild of the Bethel Baptist church will hold its monthly bake sale at the A. W. Metzger store on Saturday afternoon, June 14, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Miss Hester Thorpe, whose school at Albany has just closed, has a position for the summer as office assistant to John Brown, justice of the peace. She will teach in the Portland schools in the fall.

A large crowd attended the piano recital given last night at the Methodist Episcopal church by Miss Frieda Bratzel and her pupils. The pupils came from Gresham, Sandy and Boring and vicinities. They did credit to themselves and their teacher and afforded pleasure to a large number of their friends.

Miss Clara Mason returned yesterday from visiting relatives and friends in Westport and Forest Grove. She has been away since May 24.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Manning have returned from a two-weeks' trip to southern Oregon. They visited friends in Grants Pass, Oakland, Cottage Grove and Eugene. They found the country very dry and brown and noted the improved conditions as they returned to this vicinity.

The Gresham American Legion ball team suffered an overwhelming defeat Sunday at the hands of Chown Hardware team of Portland, the score being 18 to 0. The score tells the whole story of the playing done by both teams.

Only Dogs and Cats.

They are only dumb animals and cannot tell their troubles to the world but they are the faithful friends of man and pets of children.

The Oregon State Humane Society has been working for three months to get evidence in the Albany dog poisoning cases occurring last spring.

Persons took the trouble to warn prominent citizens by sending anonymous postcards that they must keep their dogs off the streets.

Postal secret service men ran down the authors of the postcards, and brought the matter before the United States grand jury for misuse of mails.

Poisoning domestic animals is a state offence and sending threatening messages through the mails is a federal offence severely punishable.

In Portland, the Humane Society under a city law disposes of stray and surplus house cats. In the rest of the state dropping cats and kittens in other people's dooryards is much complained of. It is much more humane to find a home where they are wanted, or else chloroform them.

Timely Comments

By Arthur Brisbane.

Dollars and Sense!

The general uprising of women throughout the country in protest against the destruction of natural scenic beauty by obnoxious billboards has met quick response at the hands of all shrewd advertisers who sense the fact that one of the most potent elements in advertising is that of good-will. Thousands of billboards have been abandoned and unless all signs fall others are to follow. The result will create favor in the eyes of all nature lovers, but also it will demonstrate to the billboard users the fact that the only real selling power is to be found in the newspaper, persistently and intelligently used. It is the news of trade. Plastered on a billboard, disfiguring the highway, it becomes as offensive to the people as it is ineffective to the trader.

Photographs by Wire.

Sending photographs by wire is at last perfectly successful. This will mean more to the education of this earth than we can realize now. Merely gratifying curiosity or capturing criminals by telephotography on this little planet isn't the important thing. What can be done on wires can be done through the ether that separates this earth from other planets in our family, says Arthur Brisbane.

We shall get from these planets radio portraits showing faces or their strange inhabitants and radio "blue prints" from Mars showing us how to dig canals to store the waters of the oceans when frost, rain and attrition make this earth perfectly round, leaving no natural cavities to hold the water.

If the earth were absolutely round, as it will be in a few million years, the ocean would cover it about a mile deep everywhere. We must know how to prevent that. Mars, tens of millions of years older than Earth, will reach us by radio.

If that sounds preposterous remember what you would have said 20 years ago if you had been told that a preacher in Chicago some day would be heard in Los Angeles and Newfoundland in the same second.

Hope for Hay Fever Victims.

Here's hope for the hopeless, the victims of hay fever. Mr. Coolidge, who had a "rose cold," sat for 45 minutes in an air-tight room, breathing in air mixed with chlorine gas. He left saying "the trouble was gone." Chlorine gas cures colds in men and epizootic in horses. Why should it not cure, or at least relieve, hay fever that tortures thousands for weeks every year?

When European nations decided to take what money they could get from China after the Boxer uprising, the United States got some of the indemnity cash, and then realized that it was international blackmail. The money was sent back to China to be used for education. China now thanks the United States Minister, saying that other nations have followed our example. "So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

The Senate Committee of Agriculture rejected the Ford bill for Muscle Shoals by a vote of 10 to 6. That isn't final, but it shows how difficult it is to get anything through in Washington sometimes. It isn't quite so difficult if there is a "little black bag," with the right kind of lining in the offering.

Wall Street men will discover that Secretary Mellon who had no trouble in cutting hundreds of millions off the national expenditures, will easily find a way to finance the soldiers' bonus.

Watchmakers assembled in Chicago predict that presently all clocks and watches will automatically get time by radio. The impulse will be sent out and the watch in your pocket will automatically adjust itself.

If only we grew individually and mentally as rapidly as we grow scientifically and mechanically, but alas, we don't. Men with intelligence enough to make a watch and then set it correctly by radio, haven't intelligence enough to get rid of the superstitions that make them hate and kill each other.

Of two American geese talking to each other, often one is asking, "What do you think about business?" will the national election disturb prosperity, etc., etc." The United States hasn't started on its prosperity. With Mellon in the Treasury the nation's debts are cut down. Meanwhile the people are saving and putting away thirty million dollars a day, in savings banks and good investments. Why worry?

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NEAR EAST RELIEF ANNUAL REPORT

How America rescued 250,000 people from certain death, saved 16,000 orphans from blindness, restored 14,159 orphans to home life and self support, gave medical aid to 22,000 people although twelve physicians died while fighting typhus, clothed 505,200 refugees, accomplishing these results in spite of obstacles that would have daunted anyone except an Anglo-Saxon, is told in the annual report of Near East Relief which has recently been filed with congress.

Moving 20,000 children a distance of hundreds of miles until practically all the Armenian children are out of Turkey; feeding, clothing, housing, and training 60,000 children, graduating boys and girls at the age of 16 to make their own way as mechanics for railway shops, instructors in nursing, school teachers, skilled artisans and farmers, giving faith, hope, and courage and the will to fight back to self support to thousands of people—all these are but a few of America's achievements in the Near East last year.

A fund of nearly \$9,000,000 was raised and expended at an overhead cost of \$678,000.

These and other facts are found in the annual report, copies of which may be secured on application to the Near East Relief, J. J. Handsaker, State Director, 613 Stock Exchange, Portland.

"The achievements, great as they are, give us no sense of pride," states Handsaker, "only a sense of gratitude that we have been able to do as much as we have and of regret that we could not do more. Last year at one time our Near East Relief work-

ers were surrounded by dying men, women and children at five relief stations at once. A heart broken relief worker took down the orphanage sign from his overcrowded orphanage because there was no further room and children continued to come pleading for admission.

"Admission to orphanages was refused to 5000 children at one time. Due to lack of funds it was found necessary to discontinue child feeding in Constantinople although there were six inches of snow on the ground at the time."

At the present date there are at least 500,000 people homeless in Greece, people who two years ago were self supporting and self respecting residents of Turkey. A third of a million people are slowly starving to death although the people aided by the Greek government to the extent of its ability and by relief agencies are attempting to fight their way back through unspeakable discouragements to self support.

The report closes with urgent recommendations from 15 prominent Americans recently in the Near East that the work be continued until the children now in the orphanages are brought to self support and that the needs of the hundreds of thousands of other helpless children in the Near East be urged upon America. Among those signing these recommendations are John H. Finley, editor of the New York Times, Ex-Governor Allen of Kansas, Dr. Cavert, Secretary Federal Council of Churches, Bishop Cannon, M. E. church South, Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice.

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