

CO-OPERATION BY DISTRICTS, COUNTY HELP ROAD WORK

County Officials Point to Aid Rendered Program By 19 Mill Special Tax.

ROAD DISTRICTS BEST

Many Market Roads in County Built Through Co-operation Plan Since Start in 1921

In increasing greater measure market roads are coming to be built in Umatilla county through co-operation of the county and special road districts according to a statement by County Judge Schanep and Roadmaster Shannon. The trend has become marked during the past three years, and today the greater part of the market road program is being put through on this basis.

A group of farmers wanting a road built to serve their needs and to give them an outlet to market organize a special road district comprising the territory particularly benefitted by the road sought. They hold an election, and if the proposal carries, a special tax of 10 mills is levied against their property for one year. This money is then put into a fund to be spent under the direction of the court and the roadmaster. This is the procedure that is followed in making it possible for the district to co-operate in getting the road built.

The west end of the county first took advantage of the law that makes it possible to form a special district, and since that time, in 1921, the plan has been put into execution in practically every section of the county. By the use of this plan, Judge Schanep pointed out, it is possible for the county to spread its funds out over a larger area, roads may be finished in one or two sections without long waits for more money to become available, and farmers do not have to look forward to a term of years during which they must pay off bonds. In some cases the special district has been continued for the second year, but in many other districts, the special tax is levied for one year, and a complete road is the result.

How much this aid of the special districts means to the county road program as a whole is indicated by the fact that in some cases the special district levy of 10 mills has paid as much as 50 per cent, or even more, of the cost of the road. The percentage of the cost borne by the special district depends on the valuation of property in the district as well as on whether the road is normally or especially costly to build.

Following is a list of the market roads built through the co-operation of the county and special road districts, the amount of money raised by the districts, and the mileage of road constructed:

The Butter creek road from the Morrow county line down Butter creek to the bridge across the Umatilla at the Pete Sheridan place, 12 miles. The special district raised \$14,000 by its 10 mill tax spread over two years.

Echo to Butter Creek road, eight miles, \$12,000 raised in one year. Vanesley to Juniper road, five miles, \$10,000 raised by the special district in one year.

Weston mountain road, five miles of road, \$4,000 raised by the district this year, and by unanimous vote the district will be continued again in 1925.

Milton-Barrett and the Winecap roads, total of seven miles, \$7,000 raised by district in one year.

Schools Have Programs
The Columbia school house was crowded to its capacity last Wednesday evening when the pupils presented an interesting and well arranged program. The school was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

On the same evening the patrons of the Westland school gave a box social and program which was largely attended by both the people of the district and Hermiston.

Wallawa—Forest service will spend \$50,000 opening mountain road from Toll Gate northward to Goodmap Springs Washington, 80 miles.

JUNIORS TO GIVE "SUNSHINE" ON EVENING OF DECEMBER 18

Enthusiasm Shown in Rehearsals Augurs Well for Success of School Comedy

Members of the Junior class of the high school are working enthusiastically on the play "Sunshine" which will be given December 18. They have sworn to do their best to put it over, and the rehearsals show they mean to do it. Those in the cast are:

Mrs. Whipple, suffering from nerves..... Edith Mikesell
Mrs. McCann, nine years a patient..... Orrei Campbell
Mr. Butterlip, who fears jolts..... Howard Reid
Buddy Brady, famous southpaw..... R. W. Forman
Miss Gregory, sanitarium nurse..... Edna Bokish
Mary Ellis "Sunshine"..... Wilma Waugaman
Major Kellcott, a swindler..... Jim Anthony, wealthy farm-owner
Sylvia Deane, his fiancée..... Graham Young
Clara Hedwall

Maudella McCann, a young imp..... Lillian Walker
Tessie Mitford, on the look-out for clues..... Anita Paulsen
Scene: The grounds of the sunshine sanitarium.

The action takes place on the morning, afternoon and evening of the same day, the respective time of the three acts.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

(Written by Mrs. F. B. Pennock.)

A farmer lad called at my door one bleak day,
With good apples to sell in the good old way.
I was filled with delight though the apples were small,
For the price was in reach of old poverty hall.

I purchased my winter's supply right away,
For the hand of good fortune don't knock every day.

But alas for the lad with his richly earned tin,
For the jehkalls of greed are now hunting his skin.

They declare that the apples were wormy and bad;
And infected with scale, oh poor farmer lad.

They have scented the dimes that slipped through their paw,
And their game is well armored with Oregon law.

He showed us his apples and said they were culls,
But we gobbled them up like a flock of starved gulls.

We freely invested with wide open eyes
And his reasonable price was our only surprise.

But they tell us his fruit is infested with scale,
And can't be transported by any old trail.

Tis a menace to orchard men right here at home,
And to barter it here, will endanger his dome.

Now we'll wager both ears not an orchard is found
On the whole blooming project where scale don't abound.

Alas farmer laddie your hard trail grows harder,
The harder you struggle to fill up your larder.

You disposed of your own by days of hard toil,
And we cannot see why you should simmer and boil.

Because all the profit reverted to you,
Instead of enriching a short houred crew.

Who grab at each penny the farmer may win,
As if it were pilfered right out of their tin.

Oh let us make laws that will help and not mar,
Make laws that will tell us just what the things are.

Make laws that will purchase an orphan a shroud,
As well as adorning the rich and the proud.

Make laws for the people unfavored by fate,
And not pass every plum to a gold bordered plate.

Don't rob the starved child of its half penny alic,
Because its frail fingers can't grasp the big price.

Oh sisters and brothers in country and town,
We must pull together or the boat will go down.

But we find the same spirit wherever we look,
In the city's gay mart or the country's green nook.

STANDARD OIL PLANT ROBBED

THIEF TAKES 30 GALLONS OF GAS AND 2 GALLONS OF OIL

A Ford Car Track Is the Only Clew Left the Authorities To Work On.

Last Sunday night thieves gained entrance to the local Standard Oil plant and stole thirty gallons of gas and two gallons of oil and all of the stamps in the office. Three locks were broken by the prowlers. The lock to the garage where the tank truck is housed and from which the gas was stolen had been bursted, also the one on the warehouse where the oil was procured and the bolt to the door of the office.

The only clew left for the authorities to work on is a Ford card track made by the party or parties as they drove the car off and on the highway. The Ford was equipped with balloon tires.

It is self, self alone, is our aim and our thought,
No matter how dearly the bauble is bought.

Oh brother let's widen the ring if we can,
Until it encircles the other man.

Live and let live, should our slogan be,
It is good for you, it is good for me.

Molalla—Special tax voted for the grading of three-mile stretch of the Oregon City-Molalla road.

Baker City—Exceptionally fine ore reported in shaft extension of the Baisley-Elkhorn mine.

Springfield—Broom handle factory recently burned at Eugene, will relocate here.

Eugene—Lane county bees have increased from 135 stands in 1923 to 1633 stands.

EAST OREGONIAN PICKS ALL-STAR EASTERN OREGON ELEVEN

Pendleton and La Grande Draw the Major Number on Mythical Team

The Pendleton East Oregonian picks the following first and second grid teams from the players of the eastern Oregon high school teams. Some Hermiston players are named on the second team, and also some Pendleton and La Grande players comprise most of their first team. All Eastern Oregon first team: Duff, Baker; Tackle, Kludt, La Grande; Tackle, Kramer, La Grande; Guard, Temple, Pendleton; Guard, Minnis, Pendleton; Center, Ray, Pendleton; Half, Hatton, Pendleton; Half, Sherwood, La Grande; Quarter, Newsum, Milton; Full, Kerr, La Grande.

Second Team: End, Johnson, La Grande; End, Strand, La Grande; Guard, Christenson, Pendleton; Guard, Hughes, La Grande; Center, Walker, Hermiston; Tackle, Johnson, Pendleton; Tackle, Harris, Pendleton; Half, Addleman, Hermiston; Half, Raymond, Pendleton; Quarter, McGee, Pendleton; Full, Newton, Pendleton.

Honorable Mention: Dale, Pendleton; Cliff Christenson, half back, Pendleton; Hummelt, full back, La Grande; Herndon, full back, Milton-Freewater; Rhodes, end, Hermiston; Waterman, half back, Hermiston; Cullen, center, La Grande.

Good Lands Holding Values
Recent sales of garden tracts in Blalock addition, Walla Walla, at \$1100 and \$950 per acre indicates that raw lands of the right sort are holding their value fairly well no matter what else may be happening. Intensive and diversified gardening and fruit growing in the Walla Walla valley when undertaken by the right kind of people is a paying industry. On all sides and over a long term of years this is something that has been amply proven.—Up-to-the-Times Magazine.

Marshfield—Mountain States Power Company ready to operate new plant costing \$50,000 and with capacity of 5,000 K. W.

SAPPERS' INC. BUYS STORE AT SILVERTON

WILL TAKE POSSESSION ON JANUARY 1

Stock Here To Be Disposed of By Sale. Remainder Will Be Shipped to Silverton.

Last Wednesday a deal was made at Silverton, Oregon, whereby Sappers' Inc., a hardware firm of this city, purchased the hardware store owned and operated by W. A. Cochran & Son of that city.

Mr. Sapper, a member of the firm, will leave in the near future for Silverton and take possession of the store January 1. Walter Blessing, secretary of the company, will remain here and dispose of the stock. The company intends to put on a sale and remove the remainder to Silverton.

Mr. Sapper is one of the pioneer business men of this city, coming to this city years ago. He has been prominent in the affairs of the city and served a number of years as city councilman.

W. L. Blessing is also an early resident of the community, farming for a time in the Columbia district before being connected with the hardware firm. Both families have a number of friends here who will regret their leaving.

HISTORIC EPISODE OF WEST FILMED

Love Story With Spectacular Drama Of Last of Cattle Kings Pictured "Sundown" at Rivoli.

California Arizona and Texas rounded up their last great herds and Mexico received them as the actual forerunner of the transference of the cattle business from American to the southern republic when First National filmed "Sundown," the super drama of the West which opens at the Rivoli theatre, Pendleton, Thursday, December 11. The story describes how the cattleman has been torred out of American history by the encroachment of "nesters," and how the great herds are being broken up.

Taking advantage of the dramatic movement of the massed herd, Director Hudson took his First National company to a ranch near El Paso and the Mexican line and of the story against a constantly moving background of cattle on the trail.

Because it is truly a tragic chapter of American history and because it accurately describes the plight of the cattle owners, "Sundown" received the co-operation of ranchers in the filming and is described by critics as the most spectacular romance of the West ever filmed. Starring in the production, if the ill-used word can be applied, are 100,000 cattle moving through 3 states to Mexico to close a chapter of American history and leave an indelible imprint upon the romantic memory of the west.

Pendleton—Umatilla wheat estimated at 4,500,000 bushels, 2,500,000 less than 1923, but bringing more money.

MAKE "SHOP EARLY" AND "MAIL EARLY" A HABIT

So Advise Postoffice Heads In Regard to Christmas Shopping.

Last year, through the generous cooperation of the press, the movies and other advertising mediums, Christmas mailers were induced to dispatch their Yuletide presents earlier in the month than ever before in the history of the institution of gift exchanging in the holiday season.

As a result, the spectacle of the last minute rush of former years, with its attendant heartbreaking labor on the part of weary and nerve worn store clerks and postal clerks was avoided.

This year Postmaster General New and First Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett have determined to make an even better record and to banish for all time the suffering undergone in past years by those engaged in the sale or transportation of gifts. They hope to make "Shop Early" and "Mail Early" a habit with the American people.

Mailing early does not mean Dec. 1 or before, but if everyone could get their holiday tokens in the mail before December 10 and December 20 the postoffice could not ask more.

Particular attention this year will be paid to greeting cards. Despite the success last year it was noted that the last-minute mail consisted largely of cards. Possibly many of them were returned greetings to friends, heard from on a previous mail, but overlooked on the original Christmas list. Unlike parcels and letters, cards, of course, can not well be marked "Do Not Open Until Christmas." This class of mailers this year, however, may find their cards undelivered until after Christmas Day.

Believing that the energies of postal employees should not be sapped to the last degree for any unavoidable reason, and intent upon securing for them the same Christmas privileges enjoyed by others, Postmaster General New asks the hearty co-operation of the public. The last minute or zero hour has been moved up so that all postal employees may eat their Christmas dinner at home. Rural carriers will deliver no mail at all on Christmas day and clerks and carriers in the city offices will stop promptly at noon.

FARM REMINDERS

The growing of head lettuce is well suited to Oregon conditions, since the soil and climate are favorable. The soil and climate are favorable for small heads, counsel the experiment dry, irrigation is not generally necessary. Production of uniform, solid heads depends largely on the variety and especially the seed strain. Barnyard manure is the best fertilizer, as poor soil means small heads, counsel the experiment stations.

Curtains for the poultry house can be conveniently used at this time. Heavy winds and rain blown through the open front are effectively excluded by curtains. Many Oregon poultrymen keep curtains rolled and stored in the house to be used when needed. Others have curtains on rollers that can be raised and lowered as weather conditions change. The experiment station recommends careful use of curtains. A curtain while an effective protection in bad weather, becomes a danger to proper ventilation if left up in fair weather.

Early lambs will soon begin to arrive in certain parts of Oregon. The importance of properly docking and castrating while the lamb is still young is stressed by the college animal husbandry department. The neglect of this practice results in a cut in the market price, as the carcass is not as desirable. A good sharp knife has been found as practical as any instrument for this work. A trim lamb properly docked and castrated will bring 50 cents to \$1 more than the same lamb, if these operations are neglected.

Sweet cherry orchards of bearing age which need pollinizing may be top grafted with other varieties such as black republican, black tartarian, centennial or Governor Wood. With old trees, only part of the tree should be grafted at a time, says the state college experiment station, as grafting over the whole top may injure the tree. It is well to graft half of the tree the first year and the remainder next. Limbs containing the pollinizer in full bloom placed in each tree will help obtain a crop of sweet cherries in some cases.

MRS. C. F. ROWE DIES IN CHICAGO

DEATH OCCURRED NOV. 26 AT THE HOME OF HER SISTER

Mrs. Carolyn Fancher Rowe, Resident of North Unit For Past Twelve Years.

Although not unexpected, friends and relatives were shocked to learn that Carolyn Fancher Rowe, wife of Richard L. Rowe, had passed away Wednesday morning, November 26. She was at the home of her sister, Mrs. Grace Bouffleur, River Forest, Ill. Mrs. Rowe had been an invalid for several years from heart trouble and died peacefully in her sleep. She had been a pioneer resident of the third unit for a dozen years, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves her husband, Richard Rowe, a daughter, June, and three sons, Edward M., residing in the third unit, Horace G., at Detroit, Mich., with Ford Co., and Carl B., at Pendleton. Mrs. Rowe was the daughter of Nelson and Elizabeth Virden Fancher, pioneers of Illinois and Iowa, and was born near Waterloo, Iowa, July 12, 1857, second child and daughter in a family of nine children. Except her elder sister, Mary Williams, the rest all survive her. The nearest member of her parents family is Charles Fancher, who lives at Spokane. The rest are scattered from Chicago to New York and Connecticut.

The family is descended from a long line of patriotic pioneers, distinguished both in military and civil life.

Mrs. Rowe's indomitable courage, originality, cheerfulness, kindness and progressive philosophical temperament made her a rare friend and neighbor, who will be sadly missed.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Hood River Fruit growers start a campaign to use only Oregon labor in fruit harvest.

Oil showings are reported 20 miles east of Klamath Falls at 150 feet depth.

Roseburg—Glove factory opens for business, specializing on wild animal skin products.

Eugene—\$77,000 to be expended in Prairie road, 11 miles long, north from Blair.

Tigard—Seven districts will vote on building union high school at Tigard.

Cottage Grove—Bohemia Lumber Company starts new sawmill with 60 men.

Hillsboro—Farmers of Washington county have ordered 300,000 pounds of oat and pyratol, government explosives, during past year.

Klamath Falls—Preliminary survey begun on 36-mile road from Chiloquin to Beatty.

North Powder—Five carloads of horses shipped from here in one day to three states.

Bend—The Dalles-California highway entrance north of city being paved.

Portland shipped one-third of all wheat exported from United States in 1924, or 26,000,000 bushels.

Rains have improved pastures in west part of the state.

Marshfield—Private fish hatchery and trout farm to be established near here.

The Dalles—Bids on 253,000,000 feet timber near Friend are asked by forest service.

Crane—Carload of rainbow trout and 200 pheasants distributed in Harney county.

Hood River—The Columbia river bridge to White Salmon will be opened December 6.

Tax reformers propose cigarette tax of two cents per package.

Lane county clay is successfully made into pottery in California.

Cascad Locks—Contract for graveling three miles around Cape Horn, North Bank highway, let for \$79,122. Work begins at once.

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Everybody has been wearing an angelic expression in assembly since Mr. Day announced his intention to restore order in the school. All misbehavers are to be sent to the office and are requested to bring their hats along. It's to be hoped the improvement in order lasts even though our numbers may be slightly decreased as a result.

Among the fans from Hermiston H. S. who attended the game at the Dalles were Lenore Dyer, Edith Mikesell, Nancy McNaught, Gertrude Belsse and Florence Skinner.

At the last meeting of the Forum the initiation of new members was carried off with great success. The old members got tons of enjoyment out of making fools of the new ones, but those initiated left with the intention of forgetting and forgiving.

The Christmas Month

