

BIDS ON 17 ROAD PROJECTS WILL BE OPENED AUG. 31ST

SALEM, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Bids on 17 highway projects involving an expenditure of about \$600,000, will be opened at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland August 31. It was announced here today. The projects, covering improvement of 65 miles of highways and construction of five bridges and one building, are spread over 14 counties in the state.

The awarding of these contracts will be the first work on the federal relief program. The projects to be let will be as follows:

Baker County—Lane-Huntington section of the Old Oregon trail, 4.15 miles of grading.

Benton County—Summer Creek-Lobster Mountain section of secondary highway No. 201, seven-tenths mile of grading.

Clackamas County—Jennings Lodge and Clackamas River sections of the East Portland-Oregon City highway, one mile of grading.

Milwaukie-Oregon City section of the East Portland-Oregon City highway, 3.7 miles of concrete pavement, 20 feet wide.

Curry County—First Hughes section of secondary highway No. 200, 1.1 miles of grading and gravel surfacing.

Deschutes County—Horse Ridge-Millican section of Central Oregon highway, 4.64 miles of gravel surfacing.

Douglas County—Paradea Creek-Read Bridge section of Umpqua highway, construction of 12.8 miles of screened gravel surfacing.

Hartney County—Lane County Line-Silver Creek section of Central Oregon highway, 14 miles of gravel surfacing.

Marion County—Brooks-Woodburn section of Pacific highway, 9.4 miles of grade widening and gravel shoulder construction.

Sherman County—Biggs-John Day River section of Columbia River highway, 6.83 miles of grading to be contracted in two units.

Washington and Yamhill Counties—Multnomah County Line-Middleton road West Dayton-Lafayette sections of the West Side Pacific highway, 2.1 miles concrete pavement 20 feet wide.

Clackamas County—Bridge over Canyon creek on the Woodburn-Sale Hood secondary highway No. 161, about seven miles northeast of Molalla.

Cook County—Bridge over south fork of the Coquille river on the Powers secondary highway No. 242, about one and one-half miles north of Powers.

Lane County—Construction of a maintenance building at McKenzie bridge on the McKenzie highway about 50 miles east of Springfield.

Marion County—Bridge over Silver creek on Silver Creek falls secondary highway No. 163, about 13 miles south of Silverton.

Folk County—Wilda bridge over north fork of Ash creek on the West Side Pacific highway about two miles north of Monmouth.

Yamhill County—Trestle over Palmer creek on the Lafayette secondary highway No. 154, about five miles north of Hopewell.

FEWER AUTOISTS OBTAIN REFUNDS

SALEM, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Fewer refunds to motorists as the result of destruction of automobiles and erroneous payments of registration fees are being made this year by the secretary of state it was announced here today. The average monthly refund during most of the past year has been \$163 as compared to a monthly refund of \$810 the year before. The reason for the large drop was not explained by the department.

Although the disbursements for refunds have been decreased, the number of claims for refunds have been more numerous during the past few months than normally, the department pointed out. Most of these claims however cannot be recognized under the present law which makes no provision for refunds to persons leaving the state, who suspend operation of their automobiles for financial reasons, whose machines are temporarily unfit for operation, or whose cars have been repossessed.

CLOTHING TAKEN FROM HOME DURING EVENING

Andy McFarland of 34 Quince street reported to the city police at 10:15 last night that someone had entered his residence, using a key, and had taken a number of articles of clothing. He stated that it was probably some one who was familiar with the hiding place of the key.

The clothing reported taken included a coat and two pairs of pants, one dark three-piece suit, a dark coat, a woman's dark green coat and a bath robe. Mr. McFarland stated that a number of clothes were left hanging in the closet.

Wranglers Slated For "Crate" Stage

The radio fans of the "Arizona Wranglers" are to receive a real treat tomorrow and Saturday at the Fox Craterian, when the entire troupe will be on hand in person. A lively program has been arranged by the "Wranglers," consisting of their own inimitable renditions of the old songs of the west, and many of their very best radio stunts.

These real westerners known as the Sheriff, Uncle Iron Tail, Dynamite, Nubbins, Sleepy, Hungry, Shorty and Slinger, first started their playing and singing for Saturday night dances in Arizona towns and have successfully carried the real old western atmosphere with them into the studio of KNX, from which station millions have heard and loved them. In their first personal tour, house records were broken and they are expected to bring a capacity crowd at their Medford showings.

Pear Packers Will Compete On Stage At Holly Theatre

A packing contest, to select the world's championship pear packer, is to be conducted at the Holly theatre in the near future, through the cooperation of the Traffic association, it was announced this afternoon by Jim Baker of the theatre staff.

A team of two packers will represent each fruit house, according to the plans outlined, and a cup will be awarded the house entering the prize-winning team. Awards will also be made to winners of first, second and third places.

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