

EXPECTED CHANGE IN HIGHWAY HEADS DELAYS DECISIONS

Present Members of Commission Refuse to Commit New Organization—Open Bids On Projects

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PORTLAND, March 29.—(AP)—The session of the Oregon state highway commission here today, probably the last one of the present trio membership, was confronted with three major issues in addition to the opening of bids on a quarter million dollar road work.

The chief problem which deferred action on policy was the uncertainty of the personnel of the commission, whether or not only one or two members would be replaced, and the refusal of the present members to commit the new organization.

Initiation of steps to transfer the \$4,200,000 PWA loan on the five Oregon coast bridges to reconstruction of the Columbia River highway from Troutdale to the Cascade Locks without endangering the flow of funds now being received for the bridges, was started after a lengthy conference.

Wallawa Delegation Present.
A delegation from Wallawa county, which arrived here in a special passenger car to urge Oregon's completion of its share of the Blue Mountain highway, was the third major subject before Chairman Leslie M. Scott and Commissioners Carl Waahburne and Ed Aldrich.

The term of Chairman Scott expires next Monday and he stated today he knew nothing of the governor's plans and refused to make any comment on his own plans. It was felt here, however, that Scott would continue on the commission without reappointment for a time at least, although there were reports Henry F. Cabell of Portland was being urged to represent the third district on the commission.

Carl Waahburne announced he would resign from the commission as soon as his successor was appointed. He declared he wished to resign last fall but Governor Meier urged him to remain until the new administration. He said he was anxious to be relieved of his duties in order to devote all his time to his Espene mercantile business.

Rames Mentioned.
Names of successors to Waahburne have been suggested to the governor including Evan Reames of Medford, A. C. Marsters of Roseburg, Sam Garland and Hugh Kirkpatrick of Lebanon, and A. Bennie, a member of the legislature from Benton county. An appointment from the first district was expected within the next few days. Waahburne's term does not expire until next year.

Fear of possibly endangering the contract for the construction of the bridges on the Coast highway resulted in careful steps being taken to urge upon the federal government the proposal to make a loan of \$4,200,000 on the Columbia River highway at Bonneville. The state legislature gave the commission authority to issue general obligation bonds to pay the federal loan on the bridges in order to make the appropriations.

The procedure decided upon was to urge the federal PWA authorities to amend the present bridge loan and grant contract as follows:
1. The state be required to issue general obligation bonds to pay the principal and interest on the \$4,200,000 loan. The government had granted a sum of \$1,400,000 additional for the bridges.

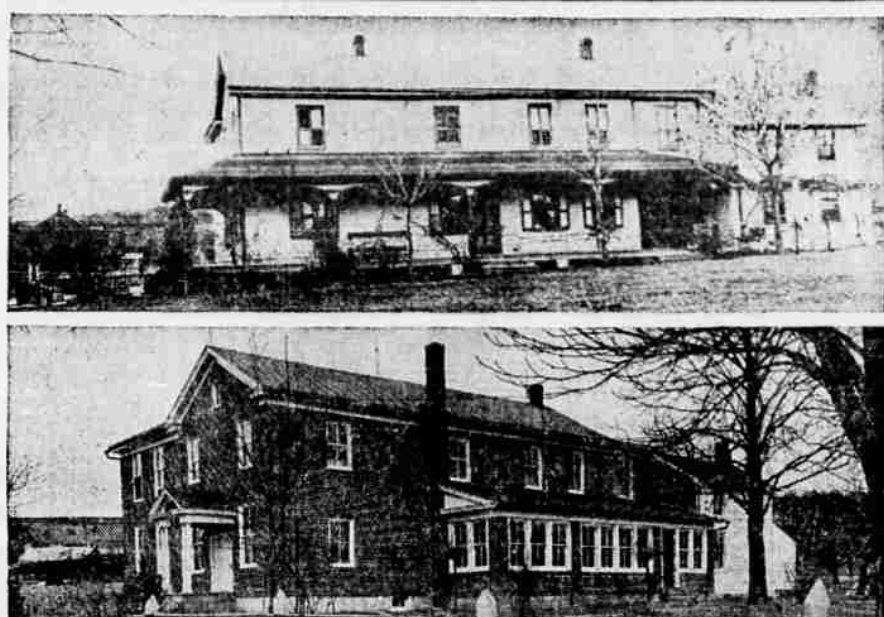
2. That the government provide the same loan to the state for the Troutdale-Cascade Locks section of the Columbia River highway. The cost of the complete project was estimated at about \$4,900,000.

3. That the present bridge contract be continued until the new negotiations were completed. If they meet with federal approval.

4. That the government hold the bridge bonds now being issued and not sell them until the negotiations were completed.

Governor to Pass on Plan.
The final draft of the proposed amended contract would be submitted to the governor before sent to Washington, the commission ruled. This

Modernization Waves Its Wand



The above photo shows a striking example of what modernization can do. The upper illustration, taken many years ago, shows a residence in Reed Station, Pa., that was just one of a group typical of the "eighties." Then modernization waved its magic wand. Below is the result of recent, carefully planned rehabilitation. Brick veneer, porch rearranged, a conservative colonial entrance, new paint and new foundation strength, all combine to transform the structure into a home of dignity, individuality, and charm.

will be done next Tuesday at Salem. Delegations which failed to get any commitments from the present commission included one from Roseburg, led by W. C. Hardy, requesting rebuilding of the Pacific highway in the Turkey Hill-Oakland area in Douglas county.

The commission opened bids today on nine road jobs, the low bid totaling \$243,078. Awards will be announced later today. The low bidders on the jobs were as follows:
Empire-Pigeon Point highway in Cook county, 1.81 miles grading—Hillston Brothers of Marshfield, \$21,931.
Golden avenue-Johnson avenue section of the Oregon Coast highway in Marshfield, 3.4 mile pavement widening—R. I. Stuart & Sons, Medford, \$12,150.

Redmond section of the Dalles-Columbia highway in Deschutes county, 4.8 mile concrete paving—Kern & Kibbee, Portland, \$35,875.
Roseburg section of the Pacific Coast highway, 9.1 mile pavement widening—Jacobsen & Jensen, Portland, \$26,705.
Cascade Locks section of Columbia River highway, 9.1 mile grading and surfacing—F. J. Kernan, Philomath, \$34,415.

Redmond ranch-Idaho line section of the I. O. N. highway in Malheur county, 2.36 miles grading—Morrison-Knutson, Boise, Idaho, \$28,454.
Bridge over Sucker creek on I. O. N. highway in Malheur county—A. G. Plant & Co., Ontario, \$9,399.
Ash-Jefferson avenue section of Fourth street in Portland, 59 mile pavement resurfacing—Parker-Schramm, Portland, \$48,985.

Bridge over Nelson creek on Old Oregon Trail at Pendleton—C. J. Montague & Sons, Portland, \$5,945.

ASTORIA RADIO STATION GIVEN FEDERAL PERMIT

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The federal radio commission announced today that a permit has been granted Abraham Shapiro of Astoria, Ore., to operate a radio station on day-time hours with 100 watts power on a wavelength of 1370 kilocycles.

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RUSSIAN KULAKS GIVEN CHANCE TO JOIN MOVEMENT

New Ruling Seeks to Enlist More Remaining Individual Peasants Into Collective Farming System

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD
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MOSCOW (UP)—The Soviet government, having completed about 80 per cent of its agricultural collectivization program, has made two important new moves to draw the remaining individual peasants into its system.

These are:
1. The government in the future will permit collective farmers to own a much larger amount of personal property than heretofore.
2. The gates have been opened for a number of former "kulaks" now in exile and also the children of "deceased elements" to enter collective farms, provided their "class viewpoint" has been "reformed."

Although the first reform tends toward the restoration of individualism and capitalism, it is explained here as a reward which the socialized peasants are reaping from collectivization.

Second Reform
The second reform may result in improving the lot of thousands of that pitiful class of rich peasants known as "kulaks" who were driven out of their homes. The sin of these thrifty, industrious peasants was that they resisted the Soviet government's attempt to drive them into

collectives, where they would have had to pool their superior resources with those of the poor or shiftless peasants.

Now, however, the "kulaks" have nothing. They have been dispossessed and scattered. Thousands of them own hardly more than the shirts on their backs. So the opportunity to enter a collective farm where they may enjoy a limited measure of prosperity is for them a blessing.

URGE CONSERVING FUEL OIL SUPPLY

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Retail dealers here today estimated the city has enough fuel oil for domestic burner use to last between 10 days and two weeks, but they urged householders, in view of the marine strike threat, to conserve supplies and to guard against over-ordering.

Stocks were low in all major plants. One fuel company said it had received word from oil companies that "there is nothing to worry about, yet."

The petroleum emergency committee of Oregon, hastily organized by a coalition of the major oil companies, was reported today to be making a complete survey of oil and gasoline supplies in storage in the state. Supplies will be pooled and facilities will be co-ordinated if the shortage becomes acute.

Claims Lowest Moniker
BERKELEY, Cal. (UP)—If one asked "What's in a name?" Miss Maryvith Joyce Gwendolyn St. Clair McQueen-Williams, University of California graduate student, could easily answer, "Plenty!" She has the longest moniker in the university by almost a complete alphabet since she enrolled seven years ago.

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SIDES DISAGREE ON SUFFERING OF SHARECROPPERS

Arkansas Landlords Deny Tales of Suffering and Oppression—Others Say Hundreds Were Evicted

By VALCO LAYE
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TYRONZA, Ark.—(UP)—Perhaps the most controversial point in the Northeastern Arkansas sharecropper-landlord differences is the degree of suffering and oppression at the hands of plantation owners.

Socialists, Southern Tenant Farmers' union officials and some writers claim hundreds of sharecroppers have been evicted with no shelter, no food, and no means of livelihood. Cases of sharecroppers without shelter, food and an opportunity to earn a living are rare, plantation owners, civil authorities and many sharecroppers contend.

Lack of Education. It generally is agreed all are almost entirely uneducated and do not possess trained ability to put their farming on a business basis.

The sharecroppers themselves are to blame for much of this lack of education. They have as a general rule evinced no interest in it. Landlords contend. The union leaders counter that sharecroppers have been held in economic bondage by the very system under which they operate, and by unfair agreements and lack of opportunity.

Public Opinion.
But in any event one thing is certain: public opinion in this area is against efforts of the socialist unionization of sharecroppers. A survey showed not over 2 per cent of the tenants in and around Tyrone—the union's headquarters—as members of the union. A large percentage of the other 75 per cent look upon the union with disdain.

HORSES LOSING CASTE WITH ROYAL MOUNTED

MONTREAL, Que.—(UP)—The word "mounted" has nearly lost its meaning when applied to the Royal Canadian mounted police, Canada's colorful police force.

After serving the force faithfully for 40 years, the one indispensable horse is slowly but surely being replaced by more modern methods of transportation.

A report issued by J. E. Dancy, head auditor of the R. C. M. P., shows that the force traveled 18,000,000 miles in pursuit of criminals during 1934, but the mileage covered by saddle horse was so small as to be of little account.

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