

SISKIYOU HIGHWAY COMPLETION SET FOR AUG. 1, 1937

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Second Section Evident
The commission expects, immediately after the opening of the first unit, to start work on the remaining six-mile unit which will take the new route to the California line. Approximately one and a half miles of the last unit, from the California line toward the top of the Siskiyou can and will be graded, surfaced and opened first. Approximately \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 will be needed for the last six miles, according to estimates of the highway officials.

The surfacing of the first 10 miles, from Ashland to Siskiyou, will cost approximately \$300,000. This will be a macadam surface, according to the present plans of the commission officials.

Talent Requests Decision
The highway officials also assured representatives of the city of Talent, Messrs. Schumacher and Lowe, that sometime in the near future the commission would consider the request of Talent that some definite decision be made as to which route would be followed in Talent—whether the present route would be improved or whether an entirely new route would be made, just below the city of Talent.

Ray Schumacher, representing Talent interests, said the city was desirous of installing a new lighting system, widening the main street through Talent and doing other improvements which hinged upon what route the commission decided to follow through Talent. A public hearing will be held, the commission said, before any decision is made.

State Engineer Baldock stated the present Talent highway was deteriorating and that something would have to be done about it within the next two or three years, either improvement of the present route or rerouting the highway directly thru the business section as at present, or using an entirely new route, the latter being favored from a strictly engineering standpoint, he stated.

Inspect Plaza Curve
The commission members and officials also inspected the project of taking the curve out of the Plaza corner, which would require the elimination entirely or partial removal of several buildings between J. D. Marx and Son's corner at Main and Oak, and the Claycomb Garage. Chairman Cabell stated he would have the local highway engineering department make a preliminary blueprint of this proposed project for the consideration of the commission.

Siskiyou Route Vias
Assurance was given by the commission members and officials that the Siskiyou highway was considered one of the most important projects in the state; that the Pacific highway deserved more construction and improvement than in the past few years, partly due to the fact that the heaviest expense on the coast highway was completed; that they recognized the Pacific highway would always carry the heaviest traffic; and that they always had the interest of every part of the state at heart.

Henry F. Cabell of Portland, chairman of the commission, and Ed Aldrich, of Pendleton, and Judge F. L. Ton Valle, of Jacksonville, members of the commission, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, and W. H. Lynch, of the Federal Bureau of Roads, also spoke briefly during the meeting.

Van Dyke Presides
Frank J. Van Dyke, president of the chamber of commerce, presided and extended greetings from this area to the commission, assuring them that Ashland appreciated the fairness the commission has always shown toward southern Oregon projects.

The commission and officials drove from Ashland to Klamath Falls for a meeting and then to Lakeview for the night.

THE DALLES, March 20.—(AP)—The new mile link of the Columbia river highway at the west limits of the city opened today after being closed for several weeks because of the damage done by sub-zero weather.

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Society and Clubs

By Janet Wray Smith

Betrothal Told At Luncheon Show

Mrs. George Coats has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Evelyn Coats, to Wayne Bowman of Portland.

News of the betrothal was told at a luncheon arranged recently at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, sister of Miss Coats. Joint hostesses with Mrs. Johnson were the Misses Iris Corcoran and Peggy Geer.

A combined linen shower and birthday party honored Miss Coats, who received many lovely gifts.

Invited guests were Mesdames George Coats, Albert Braun, Bud Cowan, Melvin Ziellinski, and the Misses Hazel Ross, Lillian Kantor, Bethel Storum, Addie Bois, Virginia Porter, and the honor guest, Miss Coats.

Bridge was played during the afternoon, scoring honors going to Miss Bois and Mrs. Braun.

P. E. O. Chapter Elects Officers
At a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Wilson Wait, members of the Medford Chapter A. P. E. O., elected new officers, headed by Mrs. Leland Mentzer as president.

Others elected were Mrs. John Moffat, vice-president; Mrs. A. N. Butler, treasurer; Leona Love, recording secretary; Mrs. J. F. Plegel, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. E. Young, chairman; and Mrs. Wilson Wait, guard.

Chapter AA is completing plans for participating in the state convention to be held in Ashland in June, which is attracting interest throughout the state. Many national leaders are expected to be in southern Oregon at that time.

Visitor Honored At Club Meeting
Mrs. Elton Waldron was hostess to the Oak Grove Neighborhood club at her home Wednesday evening, at which time Mrs. Jamieson of Vancouver, B. C., was presented with a gift by club members.

Mrs. Jamieson will return to her home next week after spending the winter as the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Lundy.

Mrs. Raymond Baker will be hostess to the club for the next meeting, April 1.

Plans Completed For Dance Tomorrow
Plans are completed by the University of Oregon Mothers for what is expected to be one of the most successful and largely attended events of the year, when the group entertains with a holiday dance tomorrow evening at Dreamland hall.

A popular orchestra has been secured and much effort gone into the arrangements to make the affair a highly enjoyable one for students and townspeople alike.

Although students will be the non-guests, townspeople and groups throughout the city are cordially invited.

Miss Edmiston Leaving for South
Leaving today was Miss Helen Edmiston, who is traveling south to San Francisco, where she will be the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Edmiston.

Miss Edmiston expects to vacation in the bay city for about two months.

Delegates Plan To Attend Convention

Leaving tomorrow will be Mesdames F. J. Newman, B. G. Harding, W. P. Holt, J. A. Perry, H. F. W. Spilver and M. M. Morris, who have been named as official delegates to the state D. A. R. conference to be held in Portland March 23 and 24.

Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Morris are candidates for state offices in the elections to be made Tuesday. Nominations will also be made from the floor at that time.

The conference will be held in the Portland Masonic temple.

Nevita Chapter Meeting Wednesday
Nevita chapter, O. E. S., of Central Point, met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ruth Drysdale. Hostesses with Mrs. Drysdale were Miss Alice Hanley and Mesdames Jennie Merritt, Mabel Bennett, Beta Pankay, Bertha Burrell and Lella Paxon.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Drysdale's mother-in-law. An unusual decorative note was seen in the place cards, which were tiny aeroplanes.

Members found it to be one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

Students Home For Spring Holiday
Among the many students arriving throughout the week to spend the spring vacation with friends and families was Miss Maxine Pittenger, who returned home this morning from Eugene to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pittenger.

Miss Mildred Drury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Drury, student at the University of Oregon, came earlier in the week, as did also Miss Mary Kern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kern.

Eastern Guests At Carlton Home
Recent arrivals in Medford included that of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Carlton of New York city, who came this morning. The couple will be the guests of the Misses Mildred and Helen Carlton at their home on the Old Stage Road.

Winslow Carlton is the nephew of the Misses Carlton. They expect to remain here for several days and expressed much delight at the spring weather prevailing in southern Oregon.

Canfields Have Palo Alto Guest
Mrs. David H. Canfield returned yesterday from Piedmont, Cal., where she spent several days as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanford.

She was accompanied home by Miss Bernice Miller, of Palo Alto, who will be a guest at the Canfield home for a few days.

EUGENE, March 20.—(AP)—The county court sent a formal petition to the state public service commission asking an order requiring the Southern Pacific company to participate in the erection of an overhead crossing above its tracks at Oakridge.

PHOTOS 15c Peasley's Studio. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

EUGENIC MARRIAGE LAW BEING DRAWN BY DR. LAUGHLIN

SALEM, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—Dr. S. B. Laughlin, Willamette university sociologist, said today that he and Dr. Cressing of Portland, head of the Oregon Hygiene society, would have a eugenical marriage law ready for presentation at the next regular legislative session.

Dr. Laughlin, advocate of mercy deaths for hopelessly feeble-minded infants, made a final plea to Oregon voters to demand passage of a law requiring both sexes to undergo medical examinations before marrying.

Replying to criticism and statements that his proposals were un-Christian, Dr. Laughlin said: "I am a Quaker and member of the Society of Friends, who believe in the unit worth of the individual more than any other like organization in the United States."

"But I would rather see my own children dead than in the baby ward at the Fairview (feeble-minded) farm. Anyone who has visited that ward will agree with me. I am certain."

He said figures show "that 75 per cent of all mental diseases and afflictions are hereditary."

GLORY OF OREGON M'COLLOCH'S AIM

KLAMATH FALLS, March 20.—(AP)—Interested in getting the plain people back into the party and elevating the name of Oregon, Claude McCulloch, prominent Klamath Falls attorney, today made a formal statement of his candidacy for Democratic national committeeman.

Declaring that he was not primarily concerned with patronage, McCulloch said: "I would like to help raise the estimation in which the Democratic party in Oregon is held by independent voters. Many of them are former Republicans who came to us four years ago on account of the stench in their own party. If we Democrats

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STOCKMEN ARE URGED TO REGISTER BRANDS

Stockmen of Jackson county were advised today by Evan Hartin, investigator for the state livestock board, to register their unrecorded stock brands at once. Hartin states that he had been informed that only about fifty per cent of the stock brands are registered as required by law. He requests stockmen to do so as soon as possible.

Blanks for registering the brands may be obtained either at the county agent or county clerk office. The blanks are filed with the state livestock department at Salem.

World Wide Guild Girls Will Meet

World wide guild girls of the First Baptist church will hold a devotional meeting and party at 7:30 this evening at the C. A. Whillock home on the Old Pacific highway. The Harvesters, whose captain is Carlin Platt, will take charge of the program. The topic is "Pearl of Great Price" (Narcissa Whitman), and there will be special music. All girls not having autos will meet at the church at 7:15 and transportation will be furnished.

STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE SLOW

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—Mark Wald, auditor in charge of the Portland state income tax office, said only about one-third of those who must file state income tax statements by April 1 have completed their filings. Latest figures from Salem showed collections running about 25 per cent above those of last year.

RED CROSS SETS \$450 QUOTA HERE FOR FLOOD HELP

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11 states driven from their homes in flooded area. This number expected to increase.

"These people all looking to Red Cross for immediate relief including shelter, food, clothing, medical care."

"Maximum relief funds of three million dollars necessary provide care for the flood victims for indefinite period until they can return to their homes."

"Please take immediate action raise your chapter quota of \$450 in behalf of these disaster stricken families. Feel confident people your community will wish to give promptly and generously."

"Remittances should be forwarded to Pacific branch headquarters as promptly as possible. Report progress at least twice each week."

Evangelist Baird Will Talk On "I"

Tonight at the First Christian church Evangelist Benjamin B. Baird will speak on the subject "I." The evangelistic campaign will close this coming Sunday night. Those who

have heard the evangelist have been greatly pleased with his messages, and large crowds are expected for the closing services.

Following the church services tonight a good program will be presented consisting of musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, sleight of hand by a local magician, and readings.

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