

AUTOMOBILE GAIN TO REQUIRE NEW HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Number of Machines On Roads Will Increase 50 Per Cent in 23 Years Declares Research Engineer

DETROIT, July 22.—(AP)—Charles F. Kettering, research engineer, told the American Society of Civil Engineers today that a new highway system must be provided to accommodate 570,000 motor vehicles by 1960.

The number of automobiles on the highways will increase 50 percent within the next 23 years, he said, while "an increase in motor vehicle registration on our present highway system would almost prohibit much of our usual driving." Six millions of the motor vehicles roaming the roads in 1950 will be trucks, he said.

Kettering, president of General Motors research corporation, spoke at the 67th annual convention of the engineers' society.

"Men in the automobile industry believe we should have a highway system made up of types of roads designed to carry traffic safely," he said.

"Such a plan would require a primary system of high speed highways crossing the country in all directions. It is estimated that 50,000 to 60,000 miles of such super-highways would be sufficient."

Kettering said that new highways should be designed for speeds of 60 miles an hour and more. The public would not consent, he said, to regulatory devices fixing speeds at less than 50 miles an hour. Few accidents occur at higher speeds, he said.

TACOMA WORKERS BALK AT CIO LINK

TACOMA, Wash., July 22.—(AP)—A split in the ranks of John L. Lewis' newest affiliate, the International Woodworkers of America, took definite form today as the Tacoma local, representing 3,000 of the woodworkers' 100,000 members, refused to endorse action of the convention which voted the organization into the CIO.

Homer L. Haney, business agent for the local, announced members had declined to support the convention action after hearing representatives of the new organization and the Federation of Woodworkers, AFL, affiliate which it replaced. He said the union, while not specifically repudiating the convention, refused to vote its approval of the move taken here Monday.

Pioneer Buried

MILTON, July 22.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held here Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Jennie Bell Robinson, 74, pioneer Milton resident, who died here yesterday. She lived in Milton from 1875 to 1900, moved to Virginia, and returned three years ago.



"A Queen of the Air" In more than name is tiny Edna Fielder of Portland, who will rule over the largest fleet of amateur-built planes ever assembled in U. S. aviation history during the Third Annual National Amateur air meet, to be held in Eugene, Oregon, in conjunction with the Oregon Trail Pageant celebration at Eugene, July 22, 23, and 24. She has flown her own ship for more than two and one-half years and is rated as the best woman pilot in Oregon. Her "Kingdom" will be an extensive one, for 70 planes are expected to be on the field and the audience will be augmented by the 30,000 spectators drawn to Eugene for the triennial pioneer pageant.

EIGHT MORE JOIN DRAMA SPONSORS

Eight new names were added today to the list of sponsoring memberships in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival association sponsoring the series of plays which will open in Ashland, August 2.

The new members are all from Medford, the Ashland committees report not being available here today. Committees are at work in both cities and have been met with enthusiastic response from social and civic leaders anxious to support the annual Shakespeare festival. The new members:

- George Henselman, Farmers and Fruit Growers Bank, Jacque Lenox, Hotel Medford, Mrs. Henry Fluhrer, Reginald H. Parsons, Mrs. George Roberts, Walter H. Leverette.

FUSELAGE OF HOPPER CARRIES FIGURES '37

NORFOLK, Neb., July 22.—(AP)—The grasshoppers invading Nebraska are this year's model—definitely.

N. J. Nelson of Norfolk killed one this morning and discovered a row of "37's" five on each side, on the insect's torso—or fuselage.

DECIDE CAUSE OF HINDENBURG LOSS

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—The bureau of air commerce said today that fire, caused by an electrostatic spark which ignited a mixture of free hydrogen and air, "probably" caused the destruction of the dirigible Hindenburg at Lakehurst last May 6. Thirty-six persons were killed in the disaster.

"The cause of the accident was the ignition of a mixture of free hydrogen and air," the bureau's report said. "Based upon the evidence, a leak at or in the vicinity of cells four and five caused a combustible mixture of hydrogen and air to form in the upper stern part of the ship in considerable quantity; the first appearance of an open flame was on the top of the ship and a relatively short distance forward of the upper vertical fin."

The report declared that suspicions of sabotage were unsupported by any evidence.

EX-K. F. COUNCILMAN SLUGGED BY ROBBERS

KIAMATH FALLS, July 22.—(AP)—J. D. Basley, former member of the Klamath Falls city council, was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood on a sidewalk in the city's industrial district early today. He had been robbed of \$40.

Several Indians found near the scene of the attack are being held pending investigation.

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BOOM IN BUILDING TOPS PROSPERITY RETURN IN STATE

First Six Months Construction in 1937 Found 116 Per Cent Greater Than Same Period Last Year

PORTLAND, July 22.—(AP)—The prosperity curve of business carried all Oregon industry above June, 1936, levels in the last month, and with the exception of livestock for which three and six-month figures were unavailable, the 1937 half-year and quarter records topped those of 1936.

The research department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in a second quarter study of Oregon business, found the greatest activity in the building trade, where the first six months of 1937 topped 1936 by 116 percent.

Other gains were: Bank clearings, 16.70 percent; bank deposits, 20.22; postal receipts, 9.9; money orders (three months), 12.6; express shipments, 9.79; electric energy sales, 12.04; manufactured gas sales (three months), 8.02; newspaper advertising, 7.86; customs collections, 28.8; lumber production (fir), 19.3; (pine), 15.05; brass and aluminum castings (three months), 53.1.

Livestock Gains

June, 1937, livestock reports showed a gain of 15.8 percent over the corresponding month of last year.

Discussing improved banking reports, the summary said the increase in deposits has "partially been brought about by government spending" but, however, the better prices being received, particularly by growers of farm and livestock products generally, as well as better conditions in the timber industry, probably represent the major portion of this increase.

Building's boom would soar even higher except for rising costs of labor and material, the review found, and the mortgage lending facilities of savings and loan associations "will be taxed for several years before the loan needs are satisfied, according to numerous sources."

Higher prices and the best pasture

age in years have aided livestock men.

Heavy winter and spring business shot lumber production upward but eastern strikes have tapered it off. The accumulation of orders from the maritime strike boomed production in addition to the upswing, the summary said. "The industry is still in a strong position, with smaller inventories and 50 percent more unfilled orders than a year ago," the review commented.

Export Call Dwindles.

It pointed out, however, that "one of the greatest handicaps of the west coast lumber industry remains the serious loss of its former export markets. British empire preferential tariffs having taken over 85 percent of our former off-shore sales to British dominions and with the disturbed conditions in the Orient, our total off-shore business is less than one-third of what it used to be."

The summary found that labor, receiving a large part of the gains in lumber, was getting an average wage at camps and sawmills of 76.9 cents in May against 67.5 cents a year ago.

Tourist travel in the first six months gained 23 percent and the advertising campaign of Oregon was credited with much of the improved showing.

A review of national prices for farm products as compared to prices paid in Oregon, showed that raisers of oats, barley, rye, potatoes, veal calves, butterfat, milk cows and horses were receiving more on June 15 than the national average, while raisers of wheat, corn, hay, apples, hogs, beef cattle, sheep, lambs, wholesale milk,

Three Men Injured In Logging Mishaps

ROSEBURG, July 22.—(AP)—Three men were in the local hospital today suffering from injuries resulting from logging accidents. K. H. Harding of Garden Valley suffered a compound fracture of the left leg when struck by a rolling timber in piling yards in north Roseburg. Claude Kreiser of Brockway, employed by the Klein Logging company nearly severed his left leg at the ankle when an axe slipped. J. W. Wisenhunt of Camas Valley, employed in shaving piling has a badly infected hand resulting from a

Navy Men Rescue Girl From River

PORTLAND, July 22.—(AP)—Robert E. Bailey, radioman third class, and Palmer N. Lewis, turret captain first class aboard the light cruiser U. S. S. Richmond berthed here with other naval vessels, rescued Mrs. Marie Beck, 28, from the Willamette river early today, where she either had fallen or leaped. The sailors heard a splash, used a searchlight to spot the woman floating in the river and Bailey jumped in to rescue her while Lewis manned a whale boat and brought them ashore. A hospital examination indicated the woman suffered a broken back.

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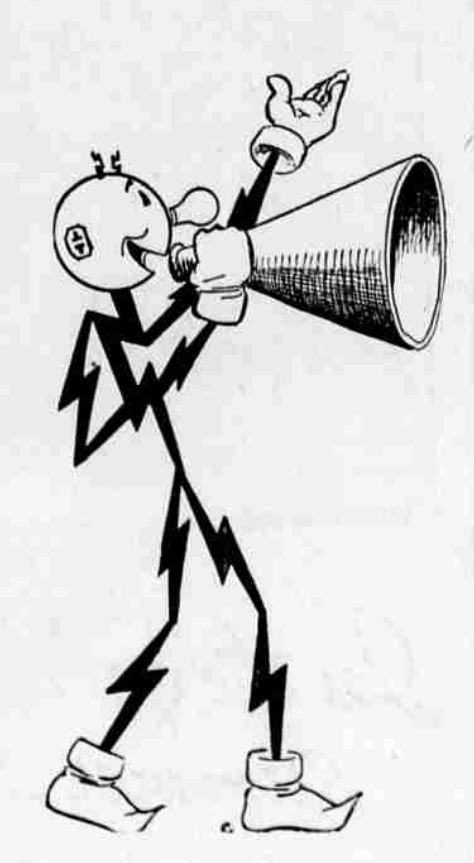
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