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Commission Plans Bid Call for Work On Prospect Road

Bids for reconstruction work on the Crater Lake highway will be put up for bids by the state highway commission Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26, in Portland. It was announced today. Thirty-three highway projects, expected to cost more than \$2,600,000, will be offered for bid. They are in 26 different counties, and four are in Jackson county.

On the Crater Lake highway between Cascade Gorge and Prospect, the 7.5 mile section is to be strengthened and widened with new rock base and a three-inch course of asphaltic concrete. The improvement will give a 20-foot pavement and new rock shoulders along the present highway, and is expected to carry heavy loads without the drastic load restrictions that had to be imposed last winter. A new masonry block maintenance building at Prospect is included in the letting.

Bids are to be received for improvement of "C" street in Phoenix to the status of a heavy

bituminous macadam wearing surface between Maple street and the south city limits.

As part of their current program of continually confronting the highway commission with two-county units in a highway improvement priority schedule, representatives from Jackson and Josephine counties are to meet in Grants Pass today to choose delegates to appear before the commission May 26.

Groups from the two counties have already stated their views on highway needs in this area to the legislative highway interim committee. The prior-

ity program, giving top billing to improvement of highway 99 between Central Point and Ashland, will be reiterated before the commission during the 15 minute audience that will be granted the delegation from here May 26 in Portland.

A note of historical interest on highways was received today by Judge F. L. Tou Velle, Jacksonville, from former-Governor Oswald West, Portland, a noted amateur Oregon historian. Ex-Governor West noted that first construction on the \$500,000 Pacific highway through Jackson county was started 36 years ago, on Mar. 19, 1914.

Fire Protection Costs to Rise if Postponed, View Of Fire Consultant Here

The longer Medford residents put off bringing their fire protection up to date the more it will cost to do so, Capt. Leo Weidner, consultant and acting chief, brought out in a talk to Kiwanians at Rogue Valley Country club yesterday noon.

Concerning the \$125,000 bond issue for fire department expansion and the four-mill continuing levy for fire department operation and maintenance, proposals that will be on the ballot at Friday's election, Weidner stressed that they are companion measures. One is useless without the other, he stated. Truck "Indispensable"

A ladder truck, which would be provided out of the bond issue, is indispensable, he declared. Weidner said that he cannot see how Medford has gotten by without one for so long.

He outlined the need for east and west side fire stations, pointing out that with the railroad tracks dividing the town with the present fire hall located east of the tracks, serious delay in answering west side alarms can result. An east side fire station is necessary, he stressed, because there is only one through route to that section of town.

He also mentioned the potential dangers to the main fire station resulting from nearby gas storage, and other factors. Weidner informed Kiwanians that city officials have been warned that, if nothing is done to improve the department, insurance rates will be raised.

Yesterday's Kiwanis program was highlighted by selections by three units of the Medford high school musical department. They were the brass sextet and cornet quartet of I. A. Mirick's instrumental department and the boy's vocal octet directed by Miss Lorraine Veidt.

Mr. Jack Crawford, president of the local reserve officer association, spoke in connection with National Security week, emphasizing that world conditions are more critical than the average citizen realizes. He revealed that national defense costs 34 cents out of every tax dollar and that out of every defense dollar 35

cents is for equipment, 26 cents for upkeep of the armed forces and 21 cents for planes, ships, tanks and guns.

Crawford called upon Kiwanians to encourage young men to participate in the national defense program.

Eat More Turkey, Government Asks American Citizens

Washington, May 17—(U.P.)—Uncle Sam would be mighty grateful if you would eat a couple of big turkey sandwiches—now.

Agricultural officials passed the word today. They said it would take only a slight boost in per capita turkey consumption during the next 60 days to save the government from a multi-million dollar price support loss this summer.

To complete its 1949-crop support program, the agriculture department is committed to buy up at the support price "left-over" stocks of 1949-crop turkey meat in July. The 1950 crop—for which there will be no price support—starts moving to market in August.

Cold storage holdings of 1949-crop turkey meat on May 1 stood at a near record high of 92,000,000 pounds. Unofficial forecasts of the left-over "surplus" the government will have to buy up in July range from 5 million to 30 million pounds.

But officials are hopeful the American consumer will get a sudden yen for turkey meat—and eat up all the stocks.

Turkey Good Buy
"It's a good buy right now," says Hermon I. Miller, assistant director of the department's poultry branch. "If people would compare prices of turkey now with some other meats, they'd see it's a good buy."

Turkey meat dumped in Uncle Sam's lap under the price support program in July probably will be donated to the federal-state school lunch program.

AACS Detachment to Hold Open House

The local detachment of the airways and air communication service will hold open house at Armed Forces day, Saturday, May 20, it was announced today. The public is invited to visit the AACS station at the municipal airport, located in the red brick building southwest of the hangar, and the remote transmitter site located on Delta Waters road near the old Crater

Lake highway. The AACS is the communications arm of the air force and provides radio navigational aids and communications to pilots of military aircraft.

Washington, May 18—(U.P.)—Mrs. Harry S. Truman cancelled all of her engagements for today and tomorrow because of a bad cold.

Blame King's Demand On Palace Intrigue

San Francisco, May 18—(U.P.)—Queen Mother Nazli blamed palace intrigue today for King Farouk's angry demand that dark-eyed Princess Fathia break with her commoner husband and return immediately to Egypt.

The stately and dignified dowager claimed that Farouk's cousin, Prince Mohammed Ali, was behind a decree that stripped 19-year-old Fathia of her title of princess, ordered her to separate from Riad Ghali, 31, and seized her property in Egypt.

The king's anger was provoked when Fathia wed Ghali, who has been Nazli's political advisor since 1946, in a civil ceremony April 25. He is a copious christian, but said he will embrace islam.

The marriage will not be consummated until the couple is wed

under moslem rites, possibly within a few days.

DOG SOUNDS MESS CALL.
Covington, Tenn.—(U.P.)—The family dog calls E. G. Waddell to dinner. When Mrs. Waddell is

setting the table, the fox terrier waits until she begins to pour the coffee before going off to hunt up his master.

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We urge you to exercise your responsibility of citizenship by going to the polls.

Vote as you please... but be sure to vote!

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