

Commission Notes Man Changes In Years 1932-1936

(The following article is another in a series of "Glimpses at Highway History" prepared by Ralph Watson, highway department writer. — Editor's note.)

The highway commission went through a period of stress and change during the period ranging from Oct. 1, 1932 to June 30, 1936. During that time the legislature set the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 to establish uniform state accounting and the commission brought its statistics into line with the procedure.

The close of 1936 marked the 20th year of the commission's activities since its beginning in 1917. That period, too, saw the birth of the "alphabet" government—the NRA, the WPA, the PWA—conceived in Washington to bolster sagging industry and ameliorate widespread unemployment by government gifts, grants in aid and loans.

Expenditures Listed
The 1936 report sets out gross expenditures during 1917-36 of \$231,384,678 (including the PWA coast bridge projects) of which \$15,606,546 were county funds, \$35,322,019 government, \$179,780,377 state, and \$675,740 were contributions from miscellaneous sources.

Of the state funds expended, \$53,084,039 were bond and interest retirements. During the 19 years ending Dec. 31, 1935, the bureau of public roads spent \$19,496,319 for construction and maintenance of forest roads on the state highway system, of which total \$12,131,607 were federal forest road funds, \$2,177,222 county cooperative funds, and \$5,187,489 state cooperative funds.

Commissioners Change
During this time Henry F. Cabell, Portland, succeeded Leslie Scott as chairman; Judge F. L. Touvelle, Jacksonville, succeeded Carl Washburn, Eugene, while Charles K. Spaulding, Salem, William Hanley of Burns, and J. C. Ainsworth, Portland, served as commissioners for brief periods.

The high spot of the four years between 1933 and 1936 was the financing, construction and opening of the five coast highway bridges to toll-free traffic. First planned as toll bridges to be financed by revenue bonds repayable out of toll earnings, under a contract agreement with the public works administration, the commission, under legislative authority, agreed to sell \$4,200,000 of revenue bonds to finance 70 per cent of the cost, 30 per cent being a federal grant. Before that agreement was carried out, the legislature of 1935, confronted with general public opposition to tolls, authorized the commission to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the open market, which was done.

The five bridges were built for a total cost of \$5,435,867, (including engineering and miscellaneous charges of \$104,682) the Yaquina bay bridge costing \$1,301,016; Alsea - Waldport, \$778,280; Siuslaw - Florence, \$527,063; Umpqua - Reedsport, \$581,467, and Coos Bay, \$2,143,391, a total of \$1,666,132 below the engineers' estimates.

The 1935 legislature also established the travel information bureau which spent \$48,000 in advertising Oregon scenic resources during that year, aiding in promoting a \$35 million tourist crop during 1936.



RESCUE RACER—Racing driver J. E. Hershey sits dazedly beside his flaming stock car, his clothes blazing as firemen prepare to rescue him. Hershey's car burst into flames on a turn and he plowed into the retaining bank during a 100-mile race at Lakewood Speedway in Atlanta, Ga. He is hospitalized in serious condition. Photo by NEA-Acme staff photographer Gene Crumley.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, June 14—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knapp and daughters, left June 9, for Kenosha, Wis., where they will visit their parents this summer.

Mrs. Myrtle McGregory and Miss Betty Levine will attend Summer school at O.S.C.

Miss Betty Levine went to Monroe, Ore., June 2, to act as maid of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss Mary Levine to Marilyn Johnson. She returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keene and two children of Long Beach, Cal., spent Sunday afternoon here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Clement. They were on their way home to Long Beach after spending some time visiting in Oregon.

Mrs. Daniel Stewart left Tuesday to attend the Federation of Garden Clubs convention at Klamath Falls from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs. Stewart is delegate from Gold Hill Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sisemore and two daughters are vacationing at Selma, and while there visited old friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walker left Monday for Eugene to accompany their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Walker and son, to Portland

Horse and Buggy Doc Wanted in Old Town

Winston-Salem, S. C.—(U.P.)—There is a real deal cooked up near here for any doctor who longs for the life of a rural general practitioner, "old-fashioned" style.

Old Town wants a doctor and they want him badly. Five years ago, the only doctor got sick and left. Since then there has been nobody to take his place. Folks say some deaths might have been avoided if a physician had been around.

Mrs. R. Y. Sharpe, leader of the doctor-getting committee, said the three schools in the area, Old Town, Old Richmond, and Vienna, need a doctor most of all. The children just have been doing without.

And if somebody will come, the Old Town people will see to it that the doctor finds a place to live and establish an office.

where Mrs. Walker and son will leave by plane for St. Joseph, Mo., to spend some time with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush of Parker, Ariz., visited Mrs. Bush's aunt, Mrs. Hannah Routh here last week for a few hours as they went to their small ranch at Brookings.

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Develop Rare Metal But What's It For?

East St. Louis, Ill.—(U.P.)—Gallium, a \$1,300-a-pound metal, has been developed by the Aluminum Ore Co. here but the company is still looking for some use for it.

Gallium is an unusual metallic element which melts at 36 degrees Fahrenheit from a solid white bar or crystals into a mercury-like liquid.

Development, so far, has cost the firm \$200,000. It had its public bow when the company held the formal opening of its \$1,000,000 research laboratories.

The rare metal, one of 30 products manufactured by the company for the chemical trade, is now the object of continued research to determine to what use it may be put.

KANSAS BEES BUSY
Manhattan, Kan.—(U.P.)—The bee was big business in Kansas last year. Each bee colony in the state added \$117 to the Kansas farm income, a total of \$7,365,000.

Alabama is the biggest heavy industry state in the South.

Grandma Complains About Baby-Sitters

Franklin, Pa.—(U.P.)—Too many baby-sitters cause many modern marriages to fail said Mrs. A. J. Doult, looking back on 70 years of married life.

"I think the young people today have too many social activities," said the great-grandmother who doesn't look her 88 years.

"They ought to start the home right by staying home and raising a family," said Mrs. Doult. "There's not much love there when they keep going out all the time and have to hire baby-sitters to mind their children."

Mrs. Doult disagrees that young people today are "wiser and weaker." She thinks they are "weaker and foolisher" but she loves them just the same. They call her regularly and she enjoys talking to them.

POSSUM TOO CUTE
Porterville, Calif.—(U.P.)—Joseph H. Hart finally discovered who had been stealing 30 eggs daily on his farm. Hart's wife was bitten by a possum as she emptied a nest.

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500-Year-Old Relics Of Indians Located

Palos Verdes, Cal.—(U.P.)—A crude stone necklace and six other Indian relics believed to be more than 500 years old have been unearthed on Palos Verdes peninsula.

Archaeologists said the items were left by Indians who inhabited the area probably in the 13th to 16th centuries.

The necklace is a shale disk two and three-quarters inches in diameter with a small hole through the center. Archaeologists believe Indian women hung such disks around their necks with cord as jewelry.

The other relics are household utensils, including part of a pestle in which Indians ground seeds into meal and various pounding and scraping instruments.

NOT MUCH HELP
Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—There were dozens of dogs all around but apparently none of the watch dog variety when a burglar entered the Kent County animal shelter and robbed a safe of \$78.

While the Farallon Islands are a part of San Francisco, no city official may set foot on them without permission from the lighthouse superintendent.

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