

Army-Built Concrete Bridge Piers Used in Current Construction Job

Span Over Carberry Creek Replaced by Concrete Decking

The wartime Camp White GIs, who were assigned in the early 1940s to lay concrete piers for a log bridge across Carberry creek, were probably working too hard to realize they would ultimately be blessed by Jackson county taxpayers.

Across the solidly constructed piers, the soldiers placed logs 65 feet long and about five feet in diameter. The bridge, in southwestern Jackson county in the vicinity of Steamboat, was the longest single-span log bridge in the county. It was serviceable and sturdy during the years when it was needed for Army purposes, before 1946 when Camp White was deactivated as a military training post. However, it eventually began to weaken under forces of weather and wear.

Repairs Began
Jackson county crews began repairing minor gaps in the bridge several years ago. Later, they added a few reinforcements, and in time it was necessary to rebuild portions of the bridge. Finally it was beyond repair and construction of a new bridge was inevitable.

A new bridge could have been built at a location where the creek was narrower. But the engineers decided the saving, by building the span at a more narrow point, would not be as great as the saving by using the existing piers.

About two months ago, county workers constructed a wood detour bridge, then touched off a few sticks of dynamite under the Army-constructed span. The huge logs splintered and flew in all directions. The piers remained unshaken by the blast.

Piers Being Used
These piers are being used as foundations for the new reinforced concrete bridge now under construction. Paul Rynning, county engineer and supervisor of the project, said the county is saving approximately \$2,500 by utilizing the piers the Army built nearly 14 years ago. What's more, Rynning predicts these same piers will be as strong four generations from now as they are today.

The new bridge, which is expected to be open to traffic within a month, will have a roadway 16 feet wide and three spans measuring 63 feet, 25 feet and 15 feet. The spans are being constructed of steel with reinforced concrete decking. Curbs and railings will also be of steel.

To the Army built-piers, county workmen have added three feet in height to create a better grade. They also added concrete abutments.

New Device
Rynning pointed out that a new device is being used to prevent concrete in the structure from shifting. Though angle irons have previously been used for this purpose, "shear pins" are being utilized in the new bridge.

Resembling common large steel bolts, they contain substance on one end which enables the pins to be welded directly to the base of the deck with an electric arc before the concrete is poured. They are installed at frequent intervals and are considered more effective than angle irons. Rynning said the pins are also much easier to install than angle irons.

Though roads in the vicinity of Carberry creek are not subject to heavy general traffic, Rynning said there is considerable log truck travel in the area. For that reason, and because logging activity is expected to increase there for the next two years, this bridge must be stronger than most county bridges in areas seldom traveled by the general public. Carrying capacity of Carberry Creek bridge will be the same as most state bridges, he said.

Approaches Due
County crews performed all concrete work, with the exception of the deck. West Coast Steel company of Portland was awarded the contract for concrete decking and steel work, including curbs and railing. Rynning said the contractors will complete their portion of the project sometime this week. The county will then install earth approaches to the bridge.

Rynning explained allowance has been made in construction of this bridge—as in all modern bridges—for temperature expansion factors. This allowance is especially important in an area such as southern Oregon, where temperatures vary from 115 degrees to below freezing. Rynning said. He explained that a bridge will expand up to one



DETOUR IN USE—County road crews constructed a wood detour bridge (left) before blasting out remainder of the log bridge built approximately 14 years ago by soldiers stationed at Camp White. The new bridge could

have been built at the narrower portion of Carberry creek, where the detour was constructed. Engineers decided, however, that saving would be greater by using the existing piers at the wider point in the creek.



CONSTRUCTION STARTED—County Judge Rodney Keating, left, and Commissioner L. G. (Shy) Morthland stand on the partially completed Carberry Creek bridge being constructed in southwestern Jackson county near Steamboat. Concrete piers were built by

soldiers before Camp White was deactivated as a military training post. Crews added three feet in height to the piers for a better grade. In foreground is falsework used in construction of the deck.



READY FOR RAILING—West Coast Steel company, Portland, will install railing and complete other steel work on Carberry Creek bridge sometime this week. County crews have done most of the concrete work. The bridge has three steel spans measuring 63

feet, 25 feet and 15 feet. Roadway is 16 feet wide. The bridge is expected to be opened within a month. On deck are John Dinwiddie, Verde Valley, Ariz., (left) step-son of County Judge Rodney Keating, who is standing at right.

Cave-in Kills Man On Job at Winston

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Sylvester Jones, 41, Sutherlin, was killed when a ditch caved in on him at Winston Friday.

Jones was working for the E. and W. Construction company of Eugene. The wall of a nine-foot ditch caved in and covered him.

He was cleanup man behind a chain-driven ditchdigger. Fellow workers worked for some time to free him but he was pronounced dead 20 minutes after he was extricated. He is survived by his widow and five children.

Two Drivers Cited After Accidents

Two drivers were cited Friday following accidents in which vehicles were damaged but no one was injured, state police reported Saturday.

Charles F. Steinhardt, 79, route 1, box 8-A, Rogue River, was cited for failure to stop for oncoming traffic after the car he was driving was involved in an accident near Rogue River with a car operated by Beulah Irene Myrlich, 52, Grants Pass. Police said Steinhardt was traveling across Highway 99 toward the Rogue River bridge when his car collided with Mrs. Myrlich's vehicle which was traveling north on Highway 99. The accident occurred at 12:48 p.m.

Cover Spray on Apples Recommended by Agent

Last cover spray on apples should be applied as soon as possible, according to C. B. Cordy, county extension agent for horticulture.

Cordy recommends two pounds 50 per cent DDT to 100 gallons or 10 pounds per acre. The county agent cautions growers not to apply spray to early apple varieties which will be harvested within the next 30 days.

Ragweed Control Talked at Meeting of Commission

Salem — (U.P.) — Legislation to control ragweed on private and public land was discussed at the first meeting of the Ragweed Control Commission here Friday.

The group agreed that ragweed was more of a public health problem than an agricultural one. They pointed out that almost nine per cent of the nation's population is allergic to ragweed and that the figure may be even higher in Oregon.

Would Control Hazard
Proposed legislation would control the health hazard in Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Curry, Coos and Douglas counties.

Expansion of the control program will be urged as additional funds are provided. Committeemen will make a progress report at the Aug. 15 meeting of the State Natural Resources Committee. They hope to have a final draft of proposed legislation ready for consideration by the natural resources group in October.

Wool Growers Get Incentive Payments

Wool growers of Jackson county received a total of \$22,841.52 in incentive payments up to July 31 for wool sold in the marketing year ending March 31, 1956, according to Charles E. White, chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

Based on applications for payment received by the county ASC office, total payments to county wool growers will be \$23,933.97. White explained that the national average price received by wool growers for the year ending March 31 was 42.8 cents per pound. Based on this figure, the average payment to wool growers to bring the average return to 62 cents per hundred was determined as 44.9 per cent of the price at which the grower sold his wool. Payments now being received by wool growers are based on \$44.90 for each \$100 the grower received for his wool.

As a result of the referendum among wool growers last year, deductions totaling one per cent per pound have been made from payments to growers to finance a wool promotion program under the direction of producer and trade organizations.

Neuberger To Renew Yaquina Project Fight

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) announced Saturday that he will "renew the fight" next year for a Yaquina Bay harbor project in Oregon. Authorization for the \$20,000,000 project was contained in the river and harbors bill vetoed Friday by President Eisenhower.

Neuberger also said conservationists now have time to "marshal their forces in opposition to the administration's program of damming the clear water and salmon rivers as substitutes for the Great Hells canyon project it gave away."

County Purchases New Tractor for \$19,844

The Jackson county court Friday purchased a D-7 Caterpillar tractor with dozer from Crater Lake Machinery in Medford for a net price of \$19,844.

The county's 10-year-old International Caterpillar with dozer was exchanged in the transaction. Other bidders were Howard-Cooper Corp., Central Point, and Hauptert Tractor and Machinery, Medford.

Multnomah DA Free On Bail; Smashes Camera of Newsman

Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah County District Attorney, William M. Langley is free on \$500 bail after being served with a new warrant charging him with assault for allegedly dashing the camera of Oregonian photographer Allen De Lay against the wall in a corridor of the courthouse here.

De Lay said he was waiting some distance down the hall late Friday when Langley emerged from the courtroom of Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan where he had appeared for arraignment on charges brought against him in Grand Jury indictments.

De Lay said Langley threatened to smash his camera if he took one more picture, and when De Lay shot again, the district attorney grabbed the camera and dashed it against the corridor wall.

Langley, Portland Police Chief Jim Purcell Jr., and several other men had appeared for arraignment on various charges on which they were indicted, and were given a week's extension in which to plead.

Langley was indicted on charges of malfeasance and feloniously conspiring to permit and promote gambling. Purcell was indicted on charges of malfeasance and incompetency in office.

Others given one-week extensions to plead included four Portland city policemen charged with perjury; several pinball operators; James B. Elkins, Portland night life figure, and two of his associates accused of bootlegging, gambling and prostitution operations.

Frank Surroz Buys Salem Auto Agency

Frank V. Surroz, 25 Williamette ave., has purchased Marion Motors, Salem car agency, from a three-man corporation in Salem. It was announced this week.

Amount involved in the transaction was not disclosed. The transaction is complete except for minor details. Surroz, in the car business for about eight years, has operated auto agencies at Medford and Grants Pass. He announced Wednesday that he plans to retain his Grants Pass agency. He, his wife and three children will reside in Salem.

Bids for Equipment Scheduled by County

The Jackson county court will open bids on two pieces of equipment on Aug. 27 at 2 and 2:30 p.m., Judge Rodney Keating said Friday.

At 2 p.m. bids will be opened for a 125 cubic foot air compressor to be used in bridge construction. At 2:30 p.m. bids will be opened for a standard road grader.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith said Friday that District Attorney William M. Langley will remain in office unless he is convicted of some crime.

"I will not be a party to any attempt to remove Langley from office unless he is proven by the courts to be guilty of some crime," the governor said.

Indictment Only Accusation
An indictment by the grand jury, the governor emphasized, is only an accusation, nothing more.

Smith went on to say that: "Langley is the duly elected official and any pressure attempts to remove him from office because he is accused would be a contravention of the wishes of the people who elected him to that office."

Langley has been indicted by the Multnomah grand jury on a charge of malfeasance and conspiracy to allow gambling to operate in the county.

Friday night Langley was arrested on a charge of assault and battery and released after posting \$500 bail. He was accused of smashing the camera of an Oregonian photographer.

Langley will continue as chief law enforcement officer of Multnomah county in all matters except those pertaining to the current vice probe, according to the governor.

Apparently, this means starting Aug. 14 the district attorney's office will present criminal matters to the grand jury. The current enquiry is expected to be completed by that date.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has been directing the present jury probe on orders from Gov. Smith.

Morse Renews Blast Against Labor Board

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), Saturday renewed his charges of "pro-employer, anti-union bias" on the part of President Eisenhower's appointees to the National Labor Relations board.

He said the Eisenhower appointed members have, in effect, amended the Taft-Hartley law through a wholesale reversal of previous interpretations of it.

"Each such reversal favored anti-union employer interests and hurt workers," he said. Morse made the charges in a 68-page letter to Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.). Smith last month declared that similar charges Morse made earlier against the NLRB were "not sustained either by the facts or the law."

Morse contended that a report Smith submitted defending the NLRB contained "inaccuracies, misstatements and distortions."

Farm Employment Decrease Reported

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department said Friday 8,680,000 persons held farm jobs in late July, 3 per cent less than in June.

The number of hired hands, 2,503,000, was up about 92,000 from a month earlier, but a decrease of about 370,000 in the number of family workers more than offset the increase. Compared with a year earlier, there were about 352,000 fewer family workers and about 193,000 fewer hired hands.

The composite wage rate per hour for hired hands July 1 was 69.6 cents, compared with 61.5 cents April 1 and 66.9 cents July 1, 1955.

Reconstruction of Water Main Starts

City crews started reconstruction Friday on a 16-inch water main on the Bear creek crossing under the Jackson st. bridge, according to Robert Lee, water superintendent.

The original crossing was built in 1927, he added, and was damaged last year from high water and has corroded, Lee said. The new crossing is being built with cast iron pipe, he said.

City crews yesterday completed construction of an 8-inch water main on Murphy rd. from the Rogue Valley hospital property to Walden place, Lee said.

Four Transients Are Sentenced in Court

Four transients, Cleo Bernest Payne, James Edward Walton, 36, Edward Everett Carnes, 47, and his wife, Vera Bertha Carnes, 42, pleaded guilty in district court Friday to disorderly conduct.

The four were arrested Wednesday by sheriff's deputies on railroad property north of Medford after a dispute over a bottle of wine.

District Court Judge Rawles Moore sentenced them to 30 days in county jail. They may be paroled in a week, for good behavior.

Oregon Film Scheduled At Roundtable Session

A sound-color motion picture, "The New Oregon Trail," will be shown at the roundtable session of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the Jackson hotel at noon Monday.

The picture, produced by the travel information division of the state highway department several years ago, has been shown all over the United States, both to groups and on television, to encourage tourist travel in the state. The Rogue valley's attractions are among those shown in the film.

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