

Condemnation Actions Declared Costly to Oregon

Salem—(UPI)—Condemnation actions have cost the state some \$183,000 in the past three years, Highway Commission Chief Counsel L. I. Linds told the commission here Thursday.

Linds said the actions consumed 350 days in court. The commission deferred action on 133 pending property condemnation actions until later in their two-day session here.

Linds said about half the actions probably would be settled out of court. The commission granted Linds authority to split with Idaho \$36,042 forfeited by Hoffman Construction Company, Portland, which refused to accept award of a contract to construct the Ontario bridges over the Snake river in Malheur county.

Rights-of-way agents of the Highway Department would be prohibited from taking outside employment that might interfere with their state duties, under terms of a resolution adopted by the commission.

The commission said the resolution was necessary to avoid conflicts of interests.

Linds and State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said they would make a further study of other conflicts of interest that might involve Highway Department employees.

Engineers are already prohibited from taking outside jobs.

The commission gave preliminary approval to improvements of the Oregon-Washington highway in the Milton-Freewater area because of excessive truck traffic during the pea harvest.

They turned down a Hillsboro delegation which had sought a connecting road with the Sunset Highway other than the county road now used.

Lack of funds was the reason.

1,400-Mile Course Mapped for Cars

Portland—Mileage achievements of small, foreign make cars, will be established over a 1,400 mile course through Oregon, the run finishing on the State Fair grounds Aug. 29, Sig King, of the Oregon State Motor association, who is logging the proposed course in the official AAA travel car, has announced.

The actual route will not be announced until just prior to the run, to avoid any possibility of a driver making a practice trip, the Motor Association official said. The route is expected to cover most major cities and towns in the state and will end as a feature of the evening program at the State Fair Aug. 29.

The International Mileage Marathon, as the run is called, is being sponsored by the Greater Oregon State Fair committee with the cooperation of the Oregon highway department, state traffic safety commission, the Oregon State Motor association and the General Petroleum Corporation.

Iraq Regime Wins Added Recognition

London—(UPI)—The new revolutionary Iraqi regime appeared Thursday to be well on the way toward winning diplomatic recognition from the West.

The Iraqis were broken Wednesday when the Moslem members of the Baghdad Pact—Pakistan, Turkey and Iran—recognized the government of Premier Abdul Karim Kassam. West Germany and Greece followed suit.

Authoritative sources said that while the Baghdad Pact members had reached a decision on an approach to the Iraqi question, they had failed to find any solution to the problem of Jordan.

Reports reaching here indicated rising tension in Amman.

CJ Council Approves Jubilee Request

Cave Junction—The city council approved the plan presented by the Illinois Valley Jubilee committee to review the custom of holding the annual celebration along the main street in Cave Junction as in former years.

The plan for this year will call for the concession stands to be erected along the main street where space permits. Some of the program events will also be presented in vacant lots along the highway. The VFW field will be used for events requiring larger areas.



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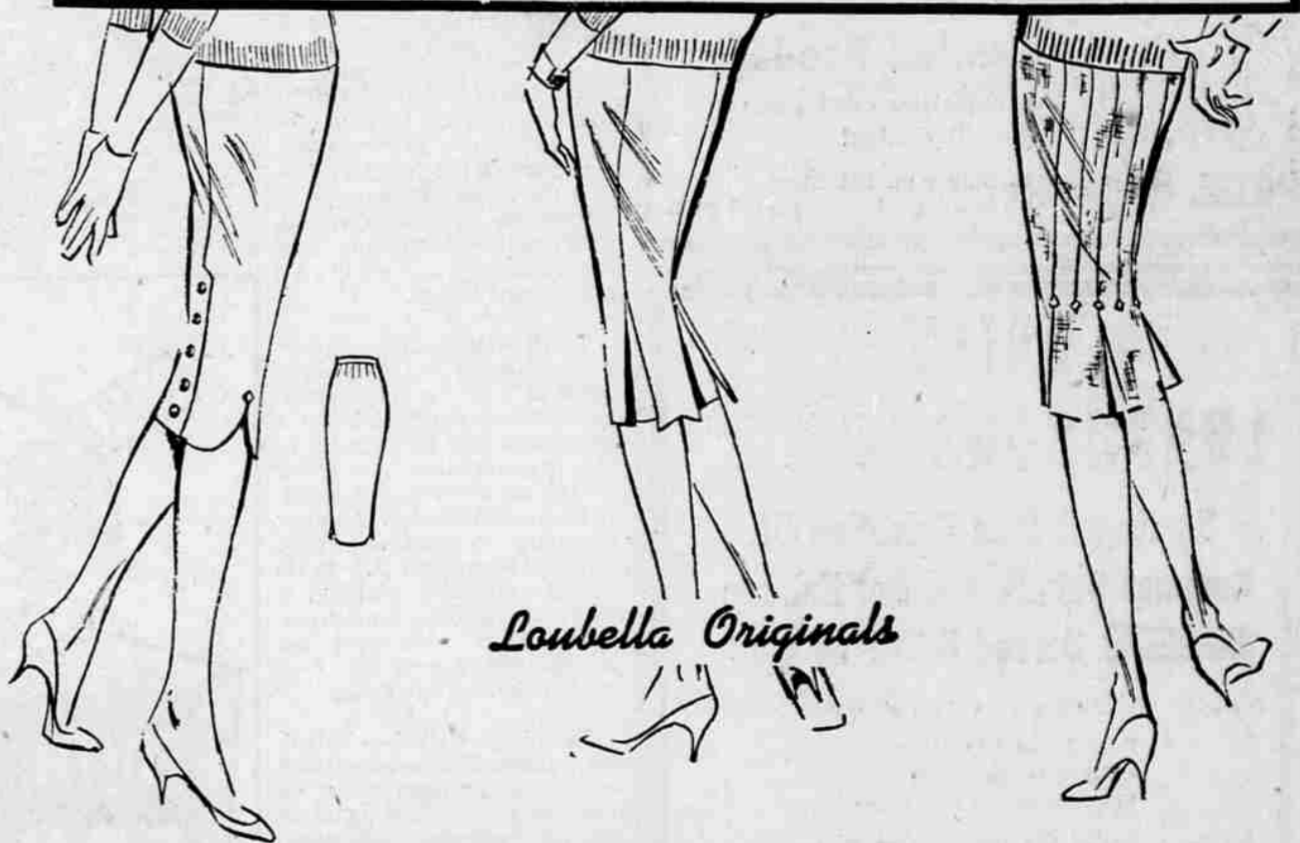
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