

Contracts Given On Oregon State Highway Projects

Salem—UPI—The State Highway Commission has awarded 18 contracts on projects totaling \$4,700,000 in 13 counties. Bids were opened on the contracts last week.

The Commission approved out-of-state travel for State Parks Superintendent C. H. Armstrong and Carl Jordan, director of the travel information division.

Armstrong will attend a meeting of the national conference on state parks in Washington, D.C., next month and Jordan will attend a Northwest Travel Association Board session in Livingston, Mont., also next month.

Funds Approved

Funds totaling \$46,300 over the next five years for improving 24 locations along the old Columbia River highway were approved. The commission was advised by Highway Engineer W. C. Williams that Andrew Sherwood, owner of Sherwood nursery company, has offered up to one million young trees to the state for planting a section of the highway from Dabney state park to the intersection of the road to Larch mountain.

Williams said no cost to the state is involved.

The Commission will meet here next Jan. 28-29.

Popular Song Writer Dies of Thrombosis

New York—UPI—John J. (Jack) Robbins, 65, a top popular music publisher in the 1930s and 1940s, died Tuesday night of a coronary thrombosis.

Among the songs Robbins published were "Time On My Hands," "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain," "Temptation," "Blue Moon," "Taking A Chance On Love" and the 1943 novelty hit "Mairzy Doats."

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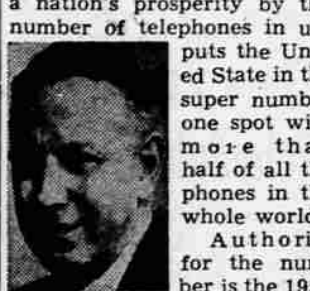
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United States Has Over Half Of All Telephones in World

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New York—UPI—Measuring a nation's prosperity by the number of telephones in use puts the United States in the super number one spot with more than half of all the phones in the whole world.

Authority for the number is the 1959 issue of "The World's Telephones" published today by American Telephone & Telegraph Co. It shows that at the beginning of 1959 we had 66,645,000 telephones out of 124,800,000 for the whole world, or 53.4 per cent.

We may have more phones but we don't talk as much as some nations. Our people average 472 calls a year. But Canada beats this with 511. And if you isolate Alaska and Hawaii you'll find those states use the phones more than anybody—609.2 calls per year average for Alaska and 536 for Hawaii.

United Kingdom Next

The nearest country to the U.S. in total phones was United Kingdom with 7,525,000. Next came Canada with 5,123,000 and the German Federal Republic (West Germany) with 5,090,000. Russia has an estimated 3,700,000 telephones.

Italy has more than 3 million and Japan, Sweden, and France, more than 2 million each.

Right now there are nearly 71 million telephones in the

U. S. But since it takes a year to obtain data for publication, the current issue of "The World's Telephones" does not include that figure.

Phoning To Fiji

About 60 Americans telephoned the Fiji Islands last year. Suva, Fiji, has 3,452 telephones or 9.3 per cent of its 37,000 population.

American Telephone users can call 130 other countries or areas and can be connected with nearly 98 per cent of all the telephones in the world.

We average 38 telephones for each 100 persons; Sweden, 34; Canada, 30; Switzerland and New Zealand, 28 each; and Australia, 20.

Among cities Washington, D.C., ranks first in telephone density with 71 telephones per

hundred population.

New York City tops the list of cities and most nations—in total telephones, with 4,289,060. Only four nations have more—United Kingdom, Canada, West Germany and Japan.

The lists of nations giving telephones and conversations is clear proof of the fact that telephones go with national prosperity and standard of living.

White Plains, county seat of wealthy Westchester County, N.Y., has 68 telephones per 100 population. Other Westchester county cities are equally well supplied.

Skokie, Ill., has 62.5 per 100. Atlantic City, N.J., has 64.4; Denver, Colo., 51.6; Detroit, 43.6; Pittsburgh, Pa., 48.8; Los Angeles Exchange, 61.3; San Francisco, 60.6; Atlanta, Ga., 43.7; Cincinnati, Ohio, 46.4; Cleveland, Ohio, 48.1; Dallas, Texas, 49.9; Columbus, Ohio, 46.6; Chicago, 48.6.

Automatic Telephones

Switzerland beats all nations in automatic telephones. The number of automatics there is 99.9 per cent of the total. In the U.S. it's 91.9 per cent. The Netherlands has 98.3 per cent automatics; Austria, 93 per cent; East Germany 93.5 per cent; and West Germany 98.2 per cent. Half of Russia's phones are automatics.

All the telephones in the U.S. are privately owned. In all of North America 98.9 per cent are privately owned; Middle America 90.5 per cent; South America 48.6 per cent; Europe 16.5 per cent; Africa 1.8 per cent; Asia 64.4 per cent; Oceania 7.2 per cent. Throughout the world 67.4 per cent of all the telephones are privately owned.

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53 Alarms Noted In City in Month

The city fire department responded to 53 alarms in November and the rural fire department responded to 11, according to monthly reports.

Of the number of alarms reported to the city fire department, 27 were for dwelling fires and 11 were for grass fires. There were two false alarms, according to the report.

Two of the eleven alarms answered in the rural fire district were for dwelling fires and four were for trash fires. The report said there was one false alarm in the rural district.

Because of the annual toy project undertaken by the fire department, there were only 16 hours of drill last month. The report said that 780 children were provided with Christmas toys last year and Fire Chief Gordon Barker said at least that number would get toys again this year.

The city fire marshal made 44 inspections last month, 20 of them in business occupancies. Some 93 orders or recommendations were issued for the removal of fire hazards and 50 fire hazards were removed in November, according to the report. Fire permits totaled 828.

SUES FOR LOSSES

Chicago—UPI—A suburban Chicago Heights woman has sued an American Legion post for \$78,000—three times the amount she claims her husband lost playing a slot machine at the post. Mrs. Algis Capriotti said her husband lost \$26,000 in two years of gambling.

TO KEEP OLD FAITHFUL

San Francisco—UPI—Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fleming, both blind, Wednesday said they would keep their 10-year-old Labrador retriever, Juno, even if an accident means the end of his usefulness as a seeing eye dog. Juno was hit by a bus on Tuesday and her left foreleg was almost severed. Veterinarian Dr. Ernest A. Siegel said "there is a chance, but not much of a chance, to save the leg."

Canadian Business Area Swept by Fire

Kitchener, Ont.—UPI—A fire and explosion of undetermined origin swept through the downtown business district Wednesday causing an estimated \$2 million damage.

The fire started in a supermarket Wednesday afternoon and was brought under control shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Over 100 shoppers were removed safely from the supermarket shortly after the fire broke out.

No deaths or serious injuries were reported but several firemen, a dentist and a nurse were treated for smoke poisoning.

PUBLICITY MAN DIES

North Tarrytown, N.Y.—UPI—Victor Schiff, 53, senior vice president of the public relations firm of Cary Boyer & Associates, died Wednesday.

The cotton textile industry

of Alabama furnishes jobs for more than 40,000 people. Its annual payroll is more than 160 million dollars.

VANGUARD RADIO DIES

Washington—UPI—Radio transmitters in the Vanguard III satellite died last Friday after functioning for 85 days, it was announced Wednesday.

The satellite, launched Sept.

18 as the last in the Vanguard series, is expected to continue in orbit for as long as 40 years.

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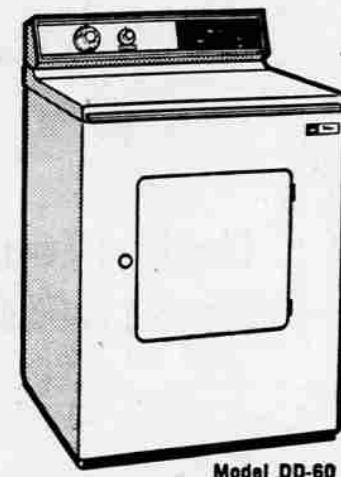
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