



RECEIVES FIRST BLESSING—Mrs. Francis E. Leehan, Portland, Ore., the Catholic Mother of 1960, receives her son's first blessing after he was ordained a Redemptorist father at Immaculate Conception seminary at Oconomowoc, Wis. Six of the Rev. Leehan's 11 brothers and sisters look on. They are, from left, the Rev. Pat, Danny, Sister Frances Therese, the Rev. Gerald, Paul, and brother Joseph. Seven sons and daughters out of a total of 12 of Mrs. Leehan's children are either priests or nuns. (UPI Telephoto)

Highway Commission Bids Total Nearly \$6.8 Million

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Highway Commission Thursday opened bids on projects totaling nearly \$6.8 million. The contracts will be awarded July 7.

Biggest project was the Page st.-Main st. unit of the East Bank freeway section of the Pacific highway in Portland. Peter Kiewit, Vancouver, Wash., was apparent low bidder for 1.18 miles of grading and building de tour bridges with \$1,826,728.

One project previously set for bidding was withdrawn by the commission. This was 1.85 miles of grading and paving on the Milwaukee - Harmony point section of the King road in Clackamas county.

Bidders, Projects Listed

Apparent low bidders and the projects by county included:

Baker: Langrell Corner-Halfway section of Lone Fir road, 3.26 miles grading and surfacing; George Corliss, Corvallis, Bend, \$87,838.

Baker: Pocahontas section of the Pocahontas road near Baker, .99 miles leveling and oiling; Arthur Simonsen, Baker, \$12,660.

Benton: 2nd and Van Buren st. traffic signals in Corvallis; Steeck Electric, Medford, \$3,360.

Clatsop: Quartz Creek-Tillamook county line paving project on Sunset highway east of Elsie, 7.02 miles paving and oiled shoulders; Warren Northwest, Portland, \$102,138.

Foot Bridge Job

Cos: Beaver Creek bridge, 732-foot bridge plus grading and paving on Coast highway north of Coquille; Johnston & Bryant, Newberg, \$238,666. Deschutes: Lava Butte paving project on The Dalles-California highway south of Bend; Bahler Brothers, Portland, \$79,468.

Douglas: Briggs Camp-Bear creek road section of the North Umpqua road near Diamond lake, 5.36 miles grading; George Blaisdell & Son and Shirley G. Stone, Oswego, \$224,778.

Douglas: Elk creek tunnel lining on the Umpqua highway; Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, \$43,913.

Jackson: Rogus River bridge on Laurelhurst road and Paul B. Rynning bridge over the South fork of the Rogus on Butte Falls-Prospect roads; S & D Construction, Portland, \$174,000.

Jackson: Medford office building, 120 by 48 foot frame building; Ausland Construction, Grants Pass, \$76,880.

Josephine: Hayes Hill-Sauers flat paving project on Redwood high way near Grants Pass, 7.60 miles paving; Warren Northwest, Portland, \$114,649.

Lane: Goshen-Coast fork Willamette river section of the Pacific highway near Eugene, 7.70 miles grading and construction of three bridges; Roy L. Houck Sons, Salem, \$226,020.

Lane: Willamette river bridge and two overflow structures on Peripheral road near Eugene; S & D Construction, Portland, \$424,000.

Lane: North bridge over Coast fork of the Willamette south of Creswell for north-bound lanes of the Pacific highway; Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, \$162,325.

Lincoln: 1st street grading and oiling in Oceanlake, .28 miles; George Corliss, Bend, \$14,591.

Linn: Brewster - Lebanon paving on the Crabtree-Lebanon road near Lebanon, 2.95 miles; Morse Brothers, Lebanon, \$85,029.

Linn: Albany-Grand Prairie paving on Cox creek road near Albany, 1.27 miles; Morse Brothers, Lebanon, \$27,073.

Linn: Bryant park bridge over the Calapooya river in Albany; Inter city construction, Eugene, \$49,009.

Linn: Harrisburg - Alford junction paving on Diamond Hill road east of Harrisburg, 1.71 miles; Roy L. Houck Sons, Salem, \$33,945.

Polk: Luckiamute River bridge; Orlando C. Bennard and Glenn Snook, Eugene, \$64,642.

Polk: Rickreall creek bridge east of Rickreall on county road; Orlando C. Bennard and Glenn Snook, Eugene, \$39,583.

Sherman: Grass Valley Canyon bridge on Moro-Lane rock road near Moro; B & H Construction, Boring, \$23,869.

Wallowa: Enterprise-Brock corner and West corner-Wallowa sections of the Fish Hatchery and West Corner-Wallowa roads near Enterprise and Wallowa, seven miles; Arthur Simonsen, Baker, \$74,879.

Washington: Hillsboro-Reedville section of Tualatin valley highway east of Hillsboro, 3.3 miles grading and paving plus construction of a 210 foot bridge; Warren Northwest, Portland, \$563,825.

Washington: Tualatin river (Scholls) bridge section, grading and paving and structure near North Scholls and 10 miles southwest of Beaverton; Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, \$180,433.

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Hong Kong's Casbah Typical Impoverished Rural Village by Day, Hotbed of Vice at Night

Hong Kong — (UPI) — By day, it is a typical impoverished rural village. By night, it is a blatant hotbed of vice. This split-personality is the ancient city of Newloom — Hong Kong's casbah.

On seeing the walled city today, one finds it difficult to imagine how this apparently undesirable six acres of real estate could ever be a reason for rocking the boat of Sino-British relations.

It no longer even bears the distinction of being walled. Part of its medieval ramparts were torn down by the Japanese during World War II and the remainder by Hong Kong authorities after the war.

British residents suffered a momentary pang of apprehension. The defense lawyer had prodded a sleeping dog which the colonial government prefers to let lie.

Similar frightful moments were experienced in 1948 when riots broke out in the walled city and spread to Canton 80 miles away. The Nationalists maintained Britain had no power to govern the walled city. They also charged Britain acted unilaterally in 1899 when she took control of the walled city, after revoking the clause in the 1898 lease convention intended to preserve Chinese authority over the place.

Conceivably, the same issue could cause trouble in the future. If Peiping felt like tweaking the British lion's tail.

The present Communist bosses of China have expressed no official interest in the walled city since they seized power in 1949.

But they could raise the jurisdiction bugaboo for propaganda purposes, at least at any time, no matter what the Hong Kong supreme court ruled.

Agreement Not Revoked

For, like their Nationalist predecessors, they have never revoked the original 1898 lease agreement, nor the clause which stipulated that the walled city should remain Chinese-governed.

There's nothing attractive or exotic about the walled city. Even for the most low-browed. No neon lights wink out in welcome and no rock 'n' roll blares from barroom juke boxes.

Unwashed, ragged, bare-footed children play in the littered, filthy alleyways that pass for streets in the walled city, and sail toy boats down nauseating open drains.

Their parents toil at handicraft industries, or work in humble shops that supply the community's several thousand and resident with the bare necessities of life.

Dogs and cats are rarely seen alive. They are served roasted as a delicacy.

Typical Village

By day, it seems a typical, impoverished rural village. It is just a dingy collection of gray stone hovels and crude shacks, presenting marked contrast to the modern jet airport at Kai Tak a mile and a half away. Prostitution prevails behind unlighted doorways, packing cases and cardboard shacks, and in attic brothels.

Emaciated drug addicts slink into rat-infested dens called divans — to smoke opium and take heroin. Or, they squat in the open sniffing pinches of narcotics they purchase from "pushers" for about 17 cents (U.S.) a packet.

Leering touts lead the way to lewd exhibitions and strip-teases.

Overlords of the criminals in this human jungle are the triads — secret societies who run the vice rackets.

Sometimes they war on each other, using razor-sharp meat choppers, kitchen knives and acid as their favorite weapons.

Oregon Warned on Narcotics Problem

Salem — (UPI) — The Northwest district supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics told Oregon District Attorneys Thursday that Oregon does not have a serious problem in narcotics in comparison to other states.

John Trainor of Seattle said, however, Oregon lies adjacent to California "which has the second worst narcotics problem in the country, and Vancouver, B.C., which probably has more addicts than any other city in Canada."

Trainor said therefore sources of supply for illicit narcotic drugs are "near at hand and readily available to the narcotic peddlers" in Oregon. He said the city of Portland at one time was a focal point for heroin and cocaine traffic.

Capital Punishment Deadline Passes

Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — The deadline for filing an initiative petition to abolish capital punishment in California passed Thursday with no such action filed.

Following the controversial execution of Caryl Chessman May 2, several groups said they would attempt to file 245,000 signatures with Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

Water Permit Goes To Paper Company

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon state engineer Thursday issued permits to International Paper Company to take water from Tahkenitch and Siltecos lakes near the Oregon coast for a plant to be located at Gardiner.

The permits also authorize the company to build dams in the outlets of the two lakes.

Engineer Lewis Stanley said the dams will be gated structures to permit drainage from the lakes during the rainy season equivalent to discharges under present conditions.

The gates will be regulated during the spring, summer and fall to hold levels of the lakes as high as possible.

Fidelity President Dies

Philadelphia — (UPI) — Ellsworth A. Roberts, 63, president of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co. since 1943, died Thursday.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Washington — Adlai E. Stevenson, asked if he has any objection to his name being placed in nomination at the Democratic convention opening in Los Angeles July 11:

"No, I don't really."

Washington — Rep. Glenn Cunningham (R-Neb.), of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield's attempts to get Republican congressmen to vote against overriding the President's veto of a \$740 million pay raise for federal workers:

"As far as he's concerned, Republican congressmen are expendable."

Flat Rock, N.C. — Carl Sandburg, on signing a contract to collaborate on a motion picture biography of Christ in his first plunge into the motion picture business:

"I have written in more diversified fields than any American author. Why ain't I got a right to write for movies?"

Washington — An official of President Eisenhower's people-to-people program, discussing a flurry of 15 requests from Japanese towns for "sister towns" in this country:

"It's gotten so a Japanese mayor has practically no political stature unless he has a U.S. affiliation."

William Prialux Dies in Eugene

Eugene — (UPI) — A 69-year veteran of the newspaper profession and a prominent Northwest political figure has died.

William A. Prialux, 83, Eugene, died Thursday in a nursing home after an illness of six months.

Prialux retired last October after operating a publishing business for the past 25 years. Prialux operated newspapers in Idaho and Oregon throughout his lengthy career.

He is survived by a son, a sister and a brother.

Falls City Man Dies of Injuries

Salem — (UPI) — Riley Clem Williams, 57, Falls City, injured June 14 in an automobile accident, died Thursday in a Salem hospital.

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