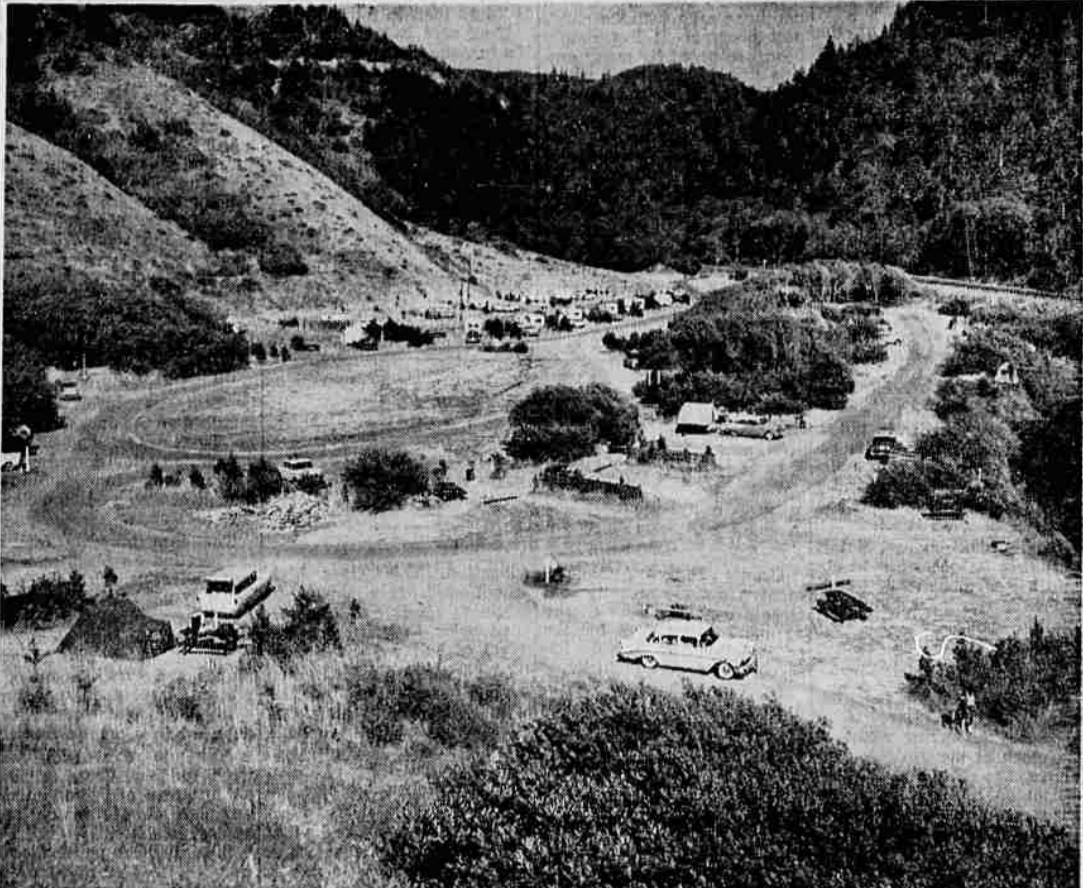


\$62.8 Million Awarded in Oregon Highway Contracts in 1960



NEW BRIDGE—Part of the Highway 99 freeway work in Jackson county last year included construction of two bridges over the Rogue river between Gold Hill and Rogue River by Pacific Concrete company, Port-

land. Other structures also were built, and grading done on more than 20 miles of the freeway route. Contracts were awarded, or bids opened, on more than \$8 million worth of freeway work in southern Oregon. (Whitland Locke Photo)



MORE CAMPERS—Overnight camping in Oregon's parks drew 13 per cent more campers in 1960 than in 1959. A total of more than 595,000 camper nights were spent in the 41 Oregon state parks with overnight facilities. Above is a small area of Humbug Mountain State park in Curry county beside Highway 101. The numerous camping trailers and tents attest to the popularity of outdoor recreation of this type. (State Highway Dept. Photo)



The Oregon state highway department in 1960 let 248 separate contracts totaling \$62,800,000 varying in amounts from \$6,000 to \$3,518,000.

Work contracted by the department consisted of 241 miles of grading, 279 miles of rock base construction, 172 miles of oiled wearing surface, 320 miles of pavement, and 136 bridge and grade separation structures.

Of the \$48,800,000 expended on construction work, \$2,300,000 was bond money, \$29,000,000 was federal aid, \$16,750,000 was state funds used in the matching of federal aid and on state projects not in the federal aid program, and \$750,000 was county funds used in the matching of federal aid on county roads.

A majority of the work was along the highway 99 freeway and southern Oregon was not without its share. Contracts were awarded or bids opened on an estimated \$8,163,000 worth of highway construction between Grants Pass and Jackson st., Medford.

Work in southern Oregon included the Grants Pass-Evans Creek section, which is 15 per cent complete, estimated to cost \$2,691,000 the Evans Creek-Rock Point section, which is 75 per cent complete, estimated to cost \$1,955,000; and the Seven Oaks-Jackson st. section, on which work started in November, estimated to cost \$3,517,000.

In addition, \$989,000 was expended for work on the Lake of the Woods highway in Jackson county, and another \$937,000 was contracted on grading and rock surfacing on Highway 62 in the highway's realignment program.

To accommodate a steadily increasing state park usage, the department added 614 acres to the park system in the creation of one new park and the addition to the areas of four others last year.

Overnight camping proved increasingly popular with park visitors. Vacationists and week end nature lovers spent more than 595,000 camper-nights in state parks, an increase of 13 per cent over 1959.

Improvements were continued in 41 camping areas, the parks division added 137 new camp sites and numerous bathhouses, utility buildings and other support facilities.

To meet future needs, the department plans construction of some 300 new camp sites during the coming year. Picnicking facilities will be expanded by construction of 340 new tables to handle the anticipated 11½ million visitors expected this year.

MOONSCAPES—Fantastic "moonscapes" are among the features of the breath-taking scenery in Oregon's newest park-Smith Rock State park. Located on the Crooked river northeast of Redmond, the park was added to the state park system in 1960. Picnicking and basic day-use facilities were constructed during the year by the state parks division. Oregon's state parks served 11 million visitors during 1960. (State Highway Dept. Photo)



DIVIDED FREEWAY—Oregon now has almost 100 miles of continuous four-lane, divided freeway in the Willamette valley section of Interstate No. 5 stretching from the Tigar d interchange out of Portland to the Ferry Street Bridge interchange at Eugene. When a six-mile section of two-lane is completed north of Eugene next summer the total will be 101 miles. Above is the Corvallis-Lebanon Road Interchange crossing the concrete ribbons of Interstate No. 5, south of Albany. (State Highway Dept. Photo)



RENOWNED FOR BEAUTY—Oregon's parks are renowned for their beauty and facilities. An example of park use is this boat launching ramp at Wallowa Lake State Park in the northeast corner of the state. (State Highway Dept. Photo)

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