

No Encouragement Offered On Hwy. 20 Development

Salem - UPI - Legislators interested in Highway 20 development - caught between demanding constituents and available money - didn't get much encouragement from the Highway Department.

The lawmakers met with Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper and Highway Commission Chairman Glenn L. Jackson Friday to find out what

work is scheduled on Highway 20 from Corvallis to Newport.

Cooper said it would cost \$17 million to rebuild the highway. He said the Highway Department didn't have the money to do the job.

Smaller Jobs

A bridge at Corvallis, a \$1.2 million improvement east of Newport, and other smaller jobs are slated in the immediate future, he explained.

He said the department has a program to "clear up the worst areas" over the next six years as money becomes available.

Ferry Building Blaze Hurts 8

San Francisco - UPI - Eight firemen were hospitalized Friday night after the second fire in six months broke out in the historic Ferry building on San Francisco's waterfront.

The four-alarm blaze was controlled quickly, but destroyed a chunk of the structure's roof about 75 feet by 20 feet. There was no estimate of the loss.

Fire Chief William Murray donned smoke-breathing apparatus to enter the building and investigate the fire. He said it broke out on a ferry slip and spread to the main building.

Fireboats from San Francisco, Oakland and the Coast Guard joined city firemen in fighting the flames.

Six of the eight injured men were treated for smoke inhalation at Harbor Emergency hospital. The other two suffered wounds, one a gash in his hand and the other a scalp injury.

An investigation was under way to determine the cause of the fire. A fire destroyed a wooden building adjacent to the Ferry building and part of the roof of the main building last fall.

He quickly added this would not be the \$17 million rebuilding job.

The Highway Department spokesman said there was \$28 million bonding authority left, but to use it "would start a wild scramble for the money."

Opposed to Bonds

Jackson said the department was opposed to bonds, and said interest paid on highway bonds did not build roadways.

Cooper agreed to start an immediate study to see what improvements would have to be made to end truck restriction on the route. He said he hoped he could report back to the group in about two weeks.

Rep. Edward Ridderbusch (D-Tillamook) asked if the department was seeking higher gas tax and license fees to raise more money for highways.

Jackson said "We are not lobbying for more money, that's up to the legislature to decide."

Soft Peddle

Sen. Glenn Huston (D-Lebanon), referring to the \$37 million highway bond bill introduced in the House, said "If we go ahead with this bonding, Multnomah county will jump in with a \$40 million bond program. I'm afraid we'd better soft peddle this thing."

Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis) urged more such informal meetings with the Highway Department to find out what could be done to get improvements made.

Rep. Nancy Kirkpatrick (D-Lebanon) called for "concrete proposals" from the Highway Department.

Sen. Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport) told Jackson "We don't want to rouse your ire, but we have to satisfy the people here."

With Cooper having promised nothing but a study of what might be done, the meeting adjourned.



POSES WITH BRIDE - Actor Tony Curtis, 37, poses with his new bride, German Actress Christine Kaufman, 18, following their wedding at the Hotel Riviera in Las Vegas Friday. The couple met a year ago in Argentina while making the movie "Taras Bulbas." It was the second marriage for Curtis and the first for the bride. (UPI)

Morse Critical of 'Top Secret' Label

Eugene - UPI - Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has criticized the federal government for its frequent use of the "top secret" label.

Morse told the 16th annual convention of the Oregon High School International Relations League that 85 percent of the documents marked "top secret" contain information already known by the Russians, but not by the American people.

He also called for release of document pertaining to the Bay of Pigs invasion. He said he does not believe President Kennedy or former President Eisenhower ever authorized air cover for the invasion, and he said the documents should be made public because of later developments in Cuba.

Morse also said Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro has the right to build defensive military installations.

"If Cuban armaments become offensive again, then the United States has the right to take action against Cuba," Morse added.

He made the remarks before taking up a prepared text on the Alliance for Progress and the problems of Latin America.

Cigarette Tax, Reform Plan Told

Salem - UPI - Proposed cigarette taxes and the governor's net receipts tax reform plan were outlined to the House Tax committee Friday by Rep. Victor Atiyeh (R-Beaverton).

The session marked the last of five successive days of hearings by the committee on the major revenue producing bills introduced this session. The committee will now begin work to determine which bill, or combination of bills, will be submitted to the legislature.

The cigarette and net receipts bills - both proposed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to balance his \$405 million general fund budget - were sponsored by Atiyeh.

The plan to tax cigarettes 4 cents a pack was approved by Cecil Posey of the Oregon Education association.

Urges Tax

Urging a 5-cent tax, with 1 cent to go to cities, were Astoria Councilman Arnold Swanson, president of the League of Oregon Cities, Portland Mayor Terry Schunk, and Eugene City Manager Hugh McKinley.

But Dave Barrows, representing the Tobacco Distributors association, termed the tax discriminatory.

Atiyeh said the tax, modeled after the California law, would raise \$18 million a biennium. He said other tobacco products would not be taxed because it would be too costly.

Turning to the net receipts tax, Atiyeh said "I refuse to deal in semantics, you can

call this bill a gross receipts tax, a net receipts tax, I don't care. I ask only that it be considered on its merits.

"This is the governor's proposal. I sponsored the bill. I favor this bill."

He said the bill would extend income taxes to 100,000 more people than are now paying income taxes to the state and elimination of deductions would end confusion.

He defended the lack of deductions for charitable contributions by saying people do not give to churches or charities to gain a state tax advantage.

The bill is expected to pro-

duce \$31 million in new revenue, Atiyeh explained. The proposal includes a tax on gross income, and a graduated tax based on amount of income.

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21 Injured During Grenade Practice

Saigon - UPI - Twenty-one American and Vietnamese servicemen watching a demonstration of a new grenade launcher were wounded Saturday when a firing error shot six grenades at the wooden bleachers where they were sitting.

One U.S. Navy enlisted man was injured seriously, but a military spokesman said his condition was not critical.

A second American Navyman was slightly injured, as were 14 Vietnamese enlisted men and five officers.

The accident took place at a firing range five miles east of Saigon.

The men had been assembled on wooden bleachers to watch a demonstration of a new type of anti-submarine grenade launcher mounted on a truck.

The driver was supposed to fire only the grenades on the farther side of the launcher, but he accidentally fired all the truck's grenades. Six of them were hurled towards the bleachers.

Three American brigadier generals who were supposed to have been in the bleachers decided at the last moment to watch the firing from a helicopter overhead.

Duncan Names Men For Academy List

Three area men from Oregon's 4th Congressional District have been nominated by Congressman Robert E. Duncan (D-Ore.) to compete for openings in three federal academies.

They are: Wayne Edward Klimko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Klimko, 3275 Old Military Road, Medford, West Point nominee; Theron Bone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bone 1100 N.W. Bellevue Place, Grants Pass, Naval Academy nominee; and Leroy Myron Hannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Hannon, 268 6th street, Ashland, Merchant Marine academy nominee.

There are no vacancies at the Air Force academy this year, Duncan said.

Because he was faced with the nomination deadline so soon after taking office, Duncan said he found it necessary to make the selection rapidly and without prior screening. He hopes to announce the names of seven 4th District residents to serve as an impartial panel to aid in the selection of nominees in future years.

Mineral Meeting Set for Tuesday

The development of Southwestern Oregon minerals into payrolls and profits will be discussed by John C. Weldon of Grants Pass at the next regular meeting of the Southdoughs at 10th and L streets in Grants Pass Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.

Weldon has been interested in this development and has followed the various phases and possibilities of the general mining in southwestern Oregon. He, also, will report on the Sunday meeting, scheduled in Illinois Valley.

Smelting, locally, of sulphide ores to produce sulphuric acid and metals, is being considered and will be reviewed by Weldon.

A question and answer period will follow his talk.

Gregory Injured When Truck Rolls

Robert Howard Gregory, 20, of 146 Manzanita st., Ashland, was reported in fair condition Saturday at the Ashland Community hospital after his pickup truck rolled over early Saturday morning on Neil Creek rd.

Gregory is being treated for an injured hip.

The Gregory pickup truck was traveling east on Neil Creek rd., three-tenths of a mile from Green Springs highway, when the pickup cut too sharply around a curve, hit a rock and rolled over.

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