

State Highway Department Lists 20 Project Bids

SALEM (UPI) — Bids for 20 projects expected to cost \$17 million will be opened by the State Highway department Oct. 8. The contracts are to be awarded Oct. 10.

The projects, by county: Clatsop—North unit, Astoria-Camp Rilea section of Oregon Coast highway, south of Astoria. Deschutes—Bend traffic signals, east Third st. at Franklin st.

Douglas—"C" st. section of city street, Drain.

Douglas—Days Creek bridge section of Tiller-Trail Highway, about eight miles east of Canyonville.

Gilliam—East unit, Arlington-Hepner junction interchange section of Columbia River highway, about two miles east of Arlington. Gilliam—Blairstown-Arlington section of Columbia River highway.

Hood River—Mitchell Point-Hood River section of the Columbia River highway in vicinity of Hood River.

Jackson—12th st.-north Ashland interchange section of Pacific highway in vicinity of Medford.

Jefferson—The Cove Palisades state park relocation, approximately 11 miles southwest of Madras.

Jefferson—Madras rock production on The Dalles-California, Warm Springs, Madras Prineville and Culver, highways.

Lane—"Q" st.-McKenzie highway section of Springfield highway in Springfield.

Lincoln—H. B. Van Duzer forest corridor wayside on the Salmon River highway.

Linn—Lebanon traffic signals, Main st. at Oak st.

Marion—Little Pudding river timber trestle bridge, Brooks-Labish rd., about five miles north of Salem.

Multnomah—West Marquam interchange unit of Pacific highway in Portland.

Multnomah—Minnesota Freeway undercrossing of Lombard st. and North Portland blvd. in Portland.

Multnomah—Vista ridge pilot tunnel section of Sunset highway in Portland.

Sherman—Biggs-Rufus section of Columbia River highway, about 20 miles east of The Dalles.

Wasco—The Dalles-Fifteen-mile Creek section of Columbia River highway in vicinity of The Dalles.

MAILMAN FINED

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, England (UPI) — Postman Anthony Mark, 22, found it impossible to deliver every letter he carried during the past four years because he just "never had time." Magistrate Rupert Gunnis fined Mark \$56 Monday for failing to deliver 170 letters and packets for missing "whole streets."

They'll Do It Every Time

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The Medical Roundup

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Transplanted Kidney Still Works

I read recently that Drs. J. E. Murray, J. P. Merrill, J. H. Harrison, R. E. Wilson and G. J. Dammin reported a splendid achievement. They have kept a 25-year-old man alive and working for over 16 months after they transplanted into him a kidney taken from an unrelated donor—a man who had just died. The giving to the main, first—before the operation, and then again later—of certain drugs, kept his tissues from entirely rejecting the new kidney.

This, to date, is the longest survival time experienced by any one of 13 persons who received kidney transplants at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital of Boston (a pioneering center for this work), all of whom had been given drugs to suppress those immunity reactions which cause a human body to reject any foreign tissue. Five kidneys from dead men were used, as well as some from unrelated living donors, and two from a mother and a brother.

Since 1960, a number of successful transplants have been made—putting a kidney from one alike-twin into another. Such transplants are almost certain to take and work well because alike-twins are one

flesh, they both came from one ovum (tiny egg). There is not much sense in transplanting a kidney from one brother into another or even from a mother into her son or daughter—until the surgeons learn more about knocking out the resistance that will almost certainly cause the transplanted tissue soon to be destroyed and rejected.

Can Pick Person
One hopeful discovery is that with chemical tests one can now pick out a person whose body chemicals are so like those of the patient that if his kidney is used for a transplant, it has a chance of surviving.

Dr. Irvine Page, of Cleveland, tells me that today he sees people with severe Bright's disease who, without justification, and because of a lack of scientific knowledge, feel bitter when no one of their close relatives will come forward to donate a kidney. The relatives hold back because they have been well advised by their doctor that, as yet, there is little sense in their giving a kidney, because the chances are almost 100 per cent that their gift will quickly be destroyed, and hence will do no good.

This is why, if right now I were dying with badly diseased kidneys, I would not let any loved one give me a transplant—unless experts in this field, like those in Boston, could assure me that, with some new drug and perhaps x-rays, they could knock out my resistance to foreign tissue.

Safety of Drugs
That Stops Ovulation
Today, many women write, saying that they have heard that all sorts of terrible things can happen to them if they take each day a pill which keeps the ovary from discharging an ovum (tiny egg). Old wives tell them that if they stop taking the pill, they will become so exceedingly fertile they will have a child a year, or they tell them that after taking the pill their menopause won't come until they are 60 or 70. After reading almost everything that has been published on these pills, I see very little reason for fearing their use. About the only question now is whether rarely they produce clotting of blood in an artery or a vein.

A while ago, at a conference held on the subject, Dr. Celso Ramon Garcia, of Harvard Medical school, reported what happened to some 3,000 women who had taken the anti-ovulation hormones over an eight-year period. He said that upon stopping the medicine ovulation usually resumed in from four to six weeks or sooner. The fact that these women who stopped taking the medicine got back their normal fertility and soon had a normal pregnancy is much against the idea that the drug can be harmful.

A while ago, someone published a statement that with the use of these pills, women are going to remain fertile into their 60s. At a recent conference, Dr. Robert B. Greenblatt—a professor of endocrinology (study of male and female hormones) said that such a notion is ridiculous.

Vets May Apply at Enrollment Time

SALEM (UPI) — War veterans planning to attend school this year under the Oregon veterans' educational aid program should apply for the benefit when they enroll in school. Franklin G. Reynolds, educational officer for the State Veterans' Department, said there is no deadline for Korean veterans to use the benefit, which pays up to \$30 a month for students enrolled in full-time undergraduate college courses, and up to \$35 for other studies. World War II veterans may still be eligible, he said, if they had started training under the program before June 30, 1959.

The Underworld Canary—III

Valachi May Become Roving Minstrel In Various Grand Jury Appearances

By HARRY FERGUSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If Joseph Valachi survives the ills that flesh is heir to and the anger of the underworld, he is likely to become a wandering minstrel. He will go from grand jury to grand jury around the country "singing," meaning telling all he knows about his former colleagues in crime.

That is one way the federal government can cash in on its most notorious stool pigeon. Murder is not a federal offense and if prominent gangsters are going to be convicted of homicides which Valachi says they ordered or committed, it will have to be done at local levels and on the basis of his testimony.

Convicting a big-time gangster of anything is not as easy as it appears to be on the face of things. The outstanding development of the last 15 years has been the gangsters' invasion of legitimate business. Some of them have been able to abandon crime. Others still are up to their necks in underworld activities, but are fairly secure behind a facade of legitimate business. They can hire people to do the dirty work.

Visits District Attorney
One of the top gangsters named by Valachi was Thomas Luchese, alias Three Finger Brown. The other day in Mineola, L. I., district attorney William Cahn was mildly surprised to receive a visit from Luchese, who was accompanied by a lawyer. He had come, he said, to explain that he was a law-abiding businessman, no matter what newspaper reports had to say about him.

The evolution of the American gangster took place in three steps. At the turn of the century there were gangs (the Hudson Dusters in New York, for instance) who were small time operators. Robbery, picking pockets and such minor offenses were about the limit of their activities.

The organized gangs, operating on a big scale, came in with prohibition, which opened up a lucrative market for illegal alcohol. Al Capone was not the only one to cash in on it, but he became the best known. The repeal of prohibition left the gangsters with lots of cash on hand and they began looking around for places to invest it.

"Underworld kings have grown into a dominating force on the national scene," says J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Most have amassed great wealth and accumulated major holdings in widespread business enterprises. Some unions are controlled and exploited by hoodlums."

A Justice Department man who has been fighting gangsters for 30 years explained how they went about trying to make themselves into legitimate businessmen.

"For a big operation," he said, "the gangster always had to have good connections with corrupt officials in city and local governments. The tax assessor was the best one. He could bedevil a business man with higher and higher assessment until the man was ready to give up and sell out to the gang."

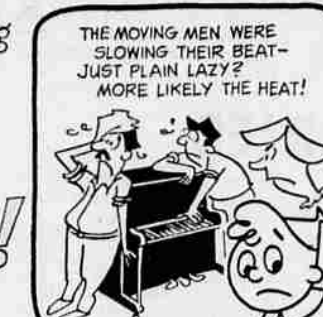
"A fire inspector or health inspector, in the pay of the mob, also was valuable. By the time a business man had been tick-

ed for a dozen violations of the fire laws or the sanitary code, he was ready to throw in the towel. Or in some cases he would sell a half interest to the mob and then, of course, he eventually would be muscled out completely."

Even if Valachi does the maximum damage to the underworld in his round of testimony, organized crime is not likely to disappear overnight. Cosa Nostra, which is what he calls the national crime syndicate, apparently spreads through eight or more cities, but it does not have a monopoly on racketeering. There are thousands of hoodlums, big and little, who will be

untouched by Valachi's revelations. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy puts it this way: "Let me make clear that no one believes the tide of battle has turned, although we have made significant progress. It is not likely to be decided by one set of laws, one anti-crime program or one administration. Ultimate success will require years of cooperation among federal and local agencies."

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