

Prospects Dim For Getting Additional Work Done On Sprague River Road Job

Prospects are none too good for substantial financing of additional work on the Sprague River road this year, according to a letter received by the chamber of commerce from Senator Guy Cordon.

Senator Cordon said he has been informed it will cost about \$900,000 to complete the improvement of the road which connects US highway 97 at Chiloquin with state highway 66 near Beatty, going through the Klamath Indian reservation.

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Five Get Yule Ship Trip OK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Five Pacific Northwest residents will be in Bremen, Germany, when the "Christmas Ship" arrives there on March 3.

Approval for their flight to Germany has been granted by the state department, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Wednesday.

Those making the trip are Ralph Bartholomew, Ketchikan, Alaska; Richard McKinney, Portland, Ore.; Josef Sklower, Glasgow, Mont.; Otto J. Bothine, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Otis F. Lamson, Seattle.

The flight was arranged by Northwest Airlines and the American Overseas Airline with permission of the civil aeronautics board which approved their free transportation.

The Northwest's "Christmas Ship" is carrying 5,500,000 pounds of food and clothing donated by the region's residents for peoples of Germany and Austria.

Salmon Shortage Hinders Dog Teams

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 26 (AP)—Alaskan sled dogs are beginning to feel the effects of the territory's construction boom.

Seven dog team owners already on hand for the sled derby at the Fairbanks annual winter carnival said today they are nearing the bottom of their supply of baled, dried salmon—the huskies' basic diet. More than a dozen other teams are expected for the event.

Residents said the shortage resulted from Indian fishermen deserting their fishwheels last summer to draw high wages in Alaska military construction.

Fremont Has Visitor Gain

There was an increase of 25 per cent in the number of people using the Fremont national forest for recreation purposes in 1947 as compared to former years, reports Supervisor Merle S. Lowden. This use amounted to an estimated 44,000 visitors who enjoyed 93,000 man days of forest recreation.

The majority of the users were deer hunters who came from all parts of Oregon and some from adjoining states. It is estimated that 17,000 hunters visited the Fremont forest in 1947. This group accounted for most of the increased recreational use. The use of the forest by campers also increased to a limited extent while fishing use was comparable to that of 1946. Because of the light snowfall of a year ago the winter sports use was the lowest in recent years.

The limited funds available for the maintenance of forest recreation improvements made it possible to clean up most of the camp areas and maintain sanitation facilities in the areas of heaviest use. However, this fund did not provide for the maintenance of campground tables, stoves, roads and other recreation facilities on the forest that are badly in need of repair.

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Food Big Peace Item

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