

Privately Maintained Suburban Roads Prove To Be Major Problem

(This is another of a series of articles based on briefs submitted to the recent hearing of the state legislative interim committee on roads and highways.)

The nearly 100 miles of privately maintained roads in the Klamath suburban area represent a major problem, and there should be more publicly built and maintained roads in the area, according to assertions made by the three-organization brief on the suburbs under consideration of the state interim committee on highways.

The Klamath 8-burban league, South Sixth Street Improvement Association and Shasta View grange No. 830 prepared the joint brief.

There are less than 22 miles of county roads in the southeast suburbs to serve a population of 12,000, the brief states. "In addition, there are six miles of state highways and market roads. . . . There are nearly 100 miles of privately maintained roads. This is a condition that should not exist. The suburbs are

entitled to more of the tax dollar than they are getting. . . . It is ridiculous that private individuals have to build and maintain roads, on a ratio of 4 miles to one mile built and maintained from public funds."

The brief proposed adequate laws to provide for roads and highway improvement districts by which rural and especially suburban roads would be improved. Such districts would have the power to levy limited taxes to build roads to certain requirements. When this is done, the brief says, the roads should be taken into the county road system for maintenance.

The brief says it is necessary that at least two roads be opened and maintained from Summers lane to Altamont drive and spaced to give maximum access to those areas. The new fire department headquarters at Gettle and Crosby streets was pointed to as showing the need for such roads. It was also proposed that Bristol and Hilyard avenues be paved and graveled and bridged across the drainage canal. This was suggested as a county road project.

As a long range plan, the three groups suggested roads which would connect with a new bridge across Klamath river, giving people living in the suburbs more direct access to industrial plants west of the river.

The brief strongly recommended extending the four-lane improvement on South Sixth from its present terminus at Altamont bridge to the Merrill-Lakeview Junction. It likewise urged immediate construction of a viaduct at the railroad tracks on South Sixth street to replace the old narrow structure.

The three groups approved the idea of increasing the gasoline taxes, but favored returning the taxes collected to the county of origin, with one cent to be spent on county roads and one cent on market roads and dedicated streets as well as county roads especially needing assistance. A boost of \$5 in auto fee registration was also approved.

The brief, along with others submitted by Klamath groups, is now in the hands of the interim committee, which is to outline a long range state program for the legislature.

McLean Named To Head AP

NEW YORK, April 21 (AP)—Robert McLean, president of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, was re-elected president of the Associated Press yesterday.

Other officers elected by the board of directors were: E. M. Desley, of The Dallas Morning News, first vice president, and Buell W. Hudson, of the Woodstock (N. Y.) Evening Call, second vice president.

Lloyd Stratton was re-elected secretary and Robert Booth, treasurer.

Kent Cooper will continue as executive director and general manager.

Phone Union Drive Opens

SEATTLE, April 21 (AP)—An all-out drive to organize the Pacific coast's \$5,000 telephone workers will be undertaken by the Communications Workers of America (independent), officials said today.

Twenty thousand workers already are affiliated with the CWA. John Crull, director of the organization, told convention delegates yesterday that the union is battling the CIO's National Federation of Telephone Workers in Oregon and Northern California, and is engaged in a jurisdictional dispute with the AFL electric workers to represent 600 employees of the Interstate Telephone company.

Negotiations affecting 2500 Washington-Idaho employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will open Thursday.

Crop Duster Killed In Crash

WASCO, April 21 (AP)—Crash of a crop dusting airplane in a field near here yesterday was fatal to Pilot Jack Nichols of Portland.

There was no immediate explanation for the crash. Nichols had been piloting the plane, owned by the Columbia crop dusting service of Portland, for several weeks in this district. He is survived by a widow and small daughter. He was an army pilot during the war.

Proclamation

WHEREAS in recent months and years a decided civic pride is demonstrated by the people of this community, through various organizations and publications, for a cleaner, more beautiful city; and, WHEREAS we feel that, if this city is going to grow into the clean and beautiful city that we hope to make it, we will have to recognize the fact that the responsibility is the matter of its citizens as a whole and their duly elected officers, to make it the clean and beautiful city that we want it to be; and,

WHEREAS various local groups including the boys and girls of the Union High School District No. 2 have organized for a clean-up campaign to begin as of this date and run for thirty days, but with particular emphasis on the week of April 26th to May 1st; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul O. Landry, Acting Mayor of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, do proclaim the period April 19th to May 22nd, 1948, as a COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP MONTH, with particular emphasis on the period from April 26th to May 1st, and do call upon all loyal citizens to cooperate in this program to the utmost.

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Age-old splendor and ritual marked the ceremony. He was installed by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland and metropolitan of this Roman Catholic province.

Bishop Connolly was former auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, where as a boy he vowed in grammar school he would become a priest.

In his new post, he will assist Bishop Gerald Shaughnessy of Seattle.

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