

Engineers Recommend Earthquake Resistant Construction in State

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—Earthquake resistant construction for hotels, theatres, hospitals and schools in Oregon is recommended by engineers.

Directors of the Oregon section of the American Society of Civil Engineers say building codes in Oregon cities "are grossly negligent" on the subject of quake protection. The engineers released a special report prepared as a result of the

April 13 quake in the Pacific Northwest. Secretary H. Loren Thompson said similar reports are being prepared by affiliates in Washington.

Three Points
The report listed three general recommendations. These called for a state law requiring all buildings of public use erected in the future to be designed to withstand quakes; adoption of the quake-resistant provisions in the Pacific coast building

officials' conference uniform building code by all Oregon cities; and studies of the vulnerability of existing buildings to earth shocks.

Thompson said the city inspectors should recommend changes in buildings if they are needed to protect the public.

"The accumulated data lead to the conclusion that future earthquakes of major intensity in the state of Oregon are very probable," the engineers' report stated.

Negligence
It said failure of the engineers to inform the public and their officials of the quake threat to buildings would have been professional negligence.

The report added that "from a public safety standpoint, the most important buildings are those in which a large number of people will assemble." Included as examples were hotels, theatres, auditoriums, schools, churches, hos-

pitals, apartment houses and office buildings. It added the additional cost of quake-resistant construction was between 3 and 8 per cent over usual construction.

Thompson reported that architects of the region had been invited to meet next Tuesday with the engineers' society when A. L. Miller, a University of Washington professor, will speak. Miller is an authority on quake-resistant construction.

Car Stalls, Couple Leaps to Safety
CANBY, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—An Oregon City couple leaped to safety last night from their automobile just before a Southern Pacific passenger train demolished the car at the Barlow crossing.

State police said Mr. and Mrs. John McCann, Oregon City, were unhurt. Their car had stalled on the tracks.

Train crewmen of the Shasta limited worked for an hour clearing the automobile wreckage from under the engine. The crash delayed the train's arrival in Portland from 11:30 p. m. until 12:20 a. m.

Grade School Survey Plan Meet's Aim

SALEM, Nov. 17 (AP)—A grade school advisory committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow with the state board of education to discuss a planned survey.

The session was called after Attorney General Neuner said the committee lacks authority to hire an expert in the elementary school field to make the study. He suggested the committee undertake the survey itself.

The legislative-appointed committee had planned to employ Dr. Thomas A. Holy, Ohio State university, for the work.

Counties Open Convention

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Association of Oregon Counties opened its 44th annual convention today. County Judge Grant Murphy, Salem, president of the association, presided.

County engineers, clerks, recorders and treasurers hold sessions simultaneously through the two-day meeting that ends tomorrow.

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