



MRS. GEORGE BREWER of Dunsuir, rehabilitation chairman of Epps Unit for 30 years, American Legion Auxiliary, is shown with some of the articles sent by the unit to the gift shop of Veterans Hospital in San Jose. The group's contribution, valued at more than \$200, is one of many shipments which enables hospitalized veterans to send gifts to their families at no cost to themselves. Mrs. Brewer devotes most of her leisure time to making articles for the gift shop and collecting materials for veterans' hobby and craft work in the hospitals.

## State Council To Consider Baldock's 'Roman Road'

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM (AP) — Thirty-one years ago, state highway engineer R. H. Baldock, then a division engineer in Eastern Oregon, wondered why the old Roman roads held up so well after 2,500 years of use.

After studying the question, he concluded that the roads remained strong because their foundations were about three feet deep.

Baldock put his new idea into practice in building the Old Oregon Trail through the Blue Mountains in 1924. It had a gravel base 24 to 30 inches thick. That was a radical innovation at the time, and the road held up.

On Friday, in Denver, the Council of State Governments for the 11 Western states will consider the engineering report of the Western Assn. of Highway Officials. This report confirms Baldock's "Roman road" theory, and all other engineering practices of the Oregon Highway Commission.

The report is the result of an \$800,000 two-year pavement test in Southern Idaho. All types of pavement were tested under the stress of many kinds of trucks.

It proved that, under present truck load limits, the best road is four inches of asphalt concrete on top of at least 10 inches of base. Oregon's standard is four inches of pavement with a 12-inch base. On the Portland-Salem Expressway, there is four-inch pavement on 18 inches of base.

"We build the roads stronger than normally needed," Baldock said, "because we always add a 25 per cent safety factor. That's so that one heavily overloaded truck won't break up the road. It also reduces maintenance costs."

Some states, which have been building roads below the standards recommended by the report, will have to build heavier roads if they want them to stand up.

Oregon's load limits, like those of most other Western states, are 18,000 pounds on a single axle, or 22,000 pounds on a tandem (four-wheel) combination.

Baldock figured in 1934 that the maximum limits should be 18,000 and 28,000 pounds. The report says

those should be the limits, considering 32,000 pounds on a tandem to be a little too high.

The test showed that the area of pavement distress is 14 per cent greater under the impact of 32,000 pounds per axle than with 18,000 pounds. And it is 48 per cent greater under 40,000 pounds per tandem than under 32,000 pounds.

In simple words, it means that bigger load limits would break up the roads.

The report also says that the right-hand wheels on trucks cause more damage than the left-hand wheels. It says the way to equalize this is to pave the shoulders.

Oregon already is paying its shoulders.

"We're glad the test confirms our theories," Baldock says. "It's a good thing to have scientific evidence to back us up."

"The report will be of great value in convincing state legislatures they shouldn't allow bigger trucks on the highways."

### Lakeview HS Lists Queen Candidates

LAKEVIEW—Heidi Tax, senior, Louise Garrett, junior, Lou Samples, sophomore and Louise Venator, freshman, are the four candidates running for queen of the annual Varsity L Carnival on November 4.

The carnival opens with a variety show at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the high school auditorium followed by the election of the queen.

At 9:30 p.m. the queen will officially open the carnival at the gymnasium where refreshment booths and games will be sponsored by the four classes.

### STOVALL SENTENCED

DUNSMUIR—Hubert J. Stovall, 42, of Klamath Falls, is serving a 125-day sentence in the Siskiyou County Jail after being found guilty of drunken driving in Dunsuir Judicial Court. He was arrested Sunday morning in downtown Dunsuir and given a sobriety test. He chose the jail term in lieu of \$263 fine.

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