

### Widening of Highway Is Asked By Courts

In order that the full benefit of the completed Roosevelt highway may be enjoyed by the counties along the Columbia river, the Clatsop and Columbia county courts will appear before the state highway commission in Portland next Thursday with a request that the commission speed up its work of straightening and widening the Lower Columbia highway by adopting a program of letting at least one major contract on this work in each county each year.

Announcement of the proposed visit of the county court to the commission meeting was made today by County Judge Guy Boyington who said that with the Roosevelt highway completion assured and the Cannon Beach road project taken care of that the matter of widening and straightening the road along the river to a point where it will meet with modern specifications for a highway carrying the heavy traffic that this road bears, was now the major road matter for consideration in this section.

**Road Inadequate**

"This road," Judge Boyington said, "has a heavy traffic all the year around and a particularly heavy traffic in summer time. It was not constructed in anticipation of such traffic and is entirely inadequate to handle it in comfort and safety, as far as motorists are concerned, particularly in view of the fact that motor vehicle movement is steadily speeding up."

"The commission has done a large amount of work on this road but most of it remains to be done and we feel that in view of conditions, and easily established traffic demands, that the work should be initiated on a much larger scale and larger contracts let at more frequent intervals."

—Astorian Budget.

### Year's Rainfall Is Below Average

Rainfall of more than 16 inches below average was recorded by Joseph Hackenberg, weather observer of Doraville and announced in his report for the year 1930. Total precipitation for the year was 32.85 inches. The cold weather last January brought the mean annual temperature down to .4 degree below normal. Mr. Hackenberg's report for 1930 follows:

"Maximum temperatures 94 degrees on June 14th, minimum 3 degrees on January 20; mean maximum temperature 59 degrees; mean annual temperature 48.8 degrees; annual temperature 48.8 degrees, which is 0.4 degrees below normal owing to the cold January.

The last killing frost visited this observing station on May 8th, the first of the fall on November 7, giving a growing season of 183 days. Precipitation 32.85 inches, which is 16.26 inches below the average, the least on a 29 year record, and 0.73 inch rain less than 1929, however well distributed, and while there was no water shortage, the run-off was small. February, April and May had a rainfall above, the other months a rainfall below the average. February with 6.36 inches was the wettest; July with inches the driest month; greatest daily rainfall 1.67 inches on February 7. Snow 30.1 inches

in comparison with 35.3 inches in 1929; greatest depth of snow 13 inches on January 20. Prevailing wind N. W. There were a number of thunders, the ones too noted were on September 7 and 8. There were 103 clear, 78 partly cloudy and 184 cloudy days, while measurable precipitation fell on 154 days. Aside of its severe winter and rain shortage the year presented no abnormal features. Crops were good, though fruit was sporadic failure and potatoes had been damaged by by scale and blight."

—St. Helens Mist

### College Mecca For Farmers of Oregon

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Oregon State college at Corvallis will be the mecca during the last week in January for hundreds of Oregon farmers seeking an answer to the question of how to make money in the face of the present economic depression. To help them in this emergency, farm specialists at the college are busy assembling the latest scientific information on every branch of Oregon agriculture to be presented during the Farm Science short course, beginning January 26.

The tentative program, just arranged by G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops and chairman of the committee on arrangements, shows that hops and livestock will be the feature of Monday's program following registration; and that topics of interest to dairymen, livestock growers and those interested in irrigation will occupy the main part of Tuesday's program.

Irrigation, dairying, livestock, poultry and vegetable growing are listed for Wednesday, in addition to the seed growers' conference which will continue through Thursday in cooperation with the Pacific State's Seedmen's association. Thursday's schedule also includes a large amount of special information on bulb diseases, red clover, bent grass, and Australian Winter peas.

Information of interest to general farmers, livestock growers and poultrymen as well as material pertaining to soils, economic problems, and potato production will be handled Friday, while Saturday will be devoted to forage crops and weed control problems.

A number of special lectures will also be given during the week, according to Hyslop. Among these will be "Taxation," by Dr. W. H. Dreesen, agricultural economist of the experiment station; "Landscaping the Farmstead," by A. O. Peck, professor of landscape architecture; "Sanitation," by G. V. Copson, station bacteriologist, and "Bees," by H. A. Scullen, associate professor of entomology.

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#### EXAMINATIONS THIS FRIDAY

The first semester examinations will be given in the high school Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.

All of the morning subjects will be given Thursday and the afternoon subjects Friday. Pupils who are exempt in any subject will not be required to attend school during the periods that subject is given.

#### BAND TO BE ORGANIZED

The Pacific Music company of Portland has organized a band or orchestra in the high school under the school's supervision. Mr. Jackson, the company's representative, who is the instructor, has similar organizations in the St. Helens and Clatskanie high schools and holds practice of each Vernonia on Friday of each week.

To become a member of this organization and receive instruction a student must have an instrument and pay two dollars each month for dues. If an instrument is bought from the company, 12 weeks free instruction is given.

In the first practice, held Friday, January 9, there were about twenty students out and Mr. Jackson has several more prospects.

The high school had a band several years ago but it disbanded and this is the first effort made to reorganize one since then.

#### ST. HELENS VS. VERNONIA FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

The high school basketball team will continue its conference games Friday, January 16, with another game away from home with St. Helens.

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#### SCAPPOOSE DEFEATS VERNONIA

Scappoose high school defeated the Vernonia quintet in a rough and fast game Friday, January 9, in the Scappoose gymnasium. The score at the beginning of the third quarter was 12 to 10 but the winners gradually drew away from the Loggers.

The game was slowed up considerably by fouls, each player having at least two at the end of the game. Grewell of Scappoose played a fine game but was withdrawn late in the fourth quarter because of fouls.

### Among Our Neighbors . .

Edison I. Ballagh is the new mayor of St. Helens, succeeding Magnus Saxon. Joan L. Chittim, E. A. Rotger and Albert Burcham are newly elected councilmen, and Jacob Johnson was reelected. I. E. McIntire was appointed marshal in place of William Griffith, resigned.

N. N. Blumensadt of Rainier was appointed by Governor Norblad justice of the peace for the Rainier district, succeeding Fred W. Herman, resigned.

Change of Rainier city officials was marked by a verbal tilt between the retiring mayor, Chas. T. Bross and A. E. Veatch, editor of the Review and former

mayor. J. B. Long is the incoming mayor.

Chris Johnson, 79, for many years a resident of Clatskanie, died in Indio, California, January 4.

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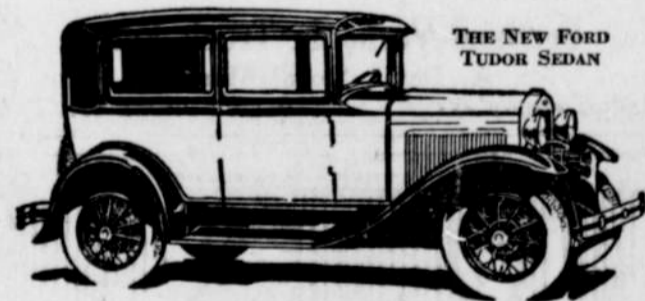
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