

Major Construction Up In Eastern Oregon

Major construction in Oregon and Southwest Washington showed a 67 per cent increase in latest monthly totals of contract awards, including work worth \$5.8 million from Eastern Oregon.

Nine counties were included in the statistics compiled for Oregon's Eastern half where Umatilla County was the most active with \$4.5 million in contracts, according to the Associated General Contractors, Harney and Wallowa Counties each contributed just under \$600,000 each.

A total of \$71 million in contracts was awarded in the region during April, according to Paul Emerick, president of the Associated General Contractors in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Figures in the survey were compiled by the contractors research center from contracts issued on large buildings, highways, utilities and similar big or heavy construction projects.

Environment oriented work showed the biggest percentage gain. Utilities work, paced by sewerage projects, was up nearly four times with total

Job Corps Makes Assignments

More than 500 Job Corps slots have been made available to youths age 16 to 22, who need further training to be available for job opportunities, according to State Employment Division Administrator Ross Morgan.

"Most assignments will be to the Angell Conservation Center at Yachats, now exclusively assigned to Oregon residents," he said.

New opportunities for training in skilled trades are available. Those who qualify will be paid while preparing for such fields as auto mechanics, building maintenance, carpentry, painting, food service, welding, and heavy equipment operation.

Courses will range in length from four months to two years, average stay being from six to seven months. Trainees earn \$30 to \$50 per month and an additional \$50 per month is held in trust for them as a readjustment allowance. Other benefits include full board and lodging, clothing, medical and dental services.

Full athletic programs and recreational facilities are available at all Job Corps Centers. Basic and remedial education is programmed, on an individual basis, to the trainees own pace.

Savings Bonds Sales Soar

Savings Bonds sales in the State of Oregon continue to show increasing strength. State Chairman Thomas Prideaux announced today that the state's sales for May were \$4,004,577, the fourth month that the state's sales have exceeded the \$4 million mark.

While revealing the United States Treasury figures, Prideaux pointed with pride to the fact that at this accelerated rate, Oregon would exceed its budgeted quota by \$8 million. In light of the fact that Oregon led the nation last year in percentage of goal attained and was assigned a huge increase in quota, the sales figures are most gratifying.

Prideaux feels that the stimulated activity in Savings Bonds sales must be attributed to public awareness of the investment value of bonds. At the new 5 1/2 percent interest rate if held to maturity of 5 years and 10 months, coupled with an exemption from state and local taxes, Savings Bonds are an attractive package.

The May sales raised Oregon's year-to-date sales to \$21,170,982 or 53% of the annual goal of \$39,900,000.

Nationally, the sale of \$546 million of Series E bonds established a 27-year record for any May and pushed the cash value of bonds outstanding over the \$56 billion mark for the first time in history.

County chairman Jim Leslie said that sales in Malheur County to date are \$166,191, or 66% of the goal.



"The human race has been able to improve on about everything but people."

BRIDGE ACTIVITIES

The Happy Dozen Card Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Luit Stam in Newell Heights. Guest players were Mrs. Mary Hatt and Mrs. Doris Caster of Owyhee Corners. Prize winners were Bernice Toomb, Goldie Roberts, Gnetty Piercy and Agnes Ashcraft.

Hosting a bridge party, June 29 was Mrs. Joe Maughn. Winning high was Mrs. Kay Brendle and Mrs. Harry Miner, second high. The next bridge game will be July 13 at the home of Mrs. Harry Miner.

"Hire A Veteran" Contest Open To Students

Top winners of a national poster contest for high school students (in grades 9-12) will share \$3,000 in scholarships in addition to a trip to the Nation's Capitol.

The poster contest with the theme "Hire a Veteran" is sponsored by the Veterans Administration for all high school students in public, private and parochial schools. The poster size must be 17 X 22 inches; there are no other restrictions.

Scholarships of \$1,500; \$1,000; and \$500 are offered to the three national winners. C. J.

Griesmeyer, Director of the VA Regional Office in Portland, announced that additional prizes of U.S. Savings Bonds will be given to area and state level winners in Oregon.

Students are urged to work on their posters during summer vacation. The contest must get underway promptly when schools open after the summer vacation so that the national victors can be in Washington, D.C. on Veterans Day, October 23. Griesmeyer stated that the three top winners are to be VIP's at the annual Ve-

My Neighbors



"...and we'll probably get in to see the doctor that much sooner..."

State Fair Premium Books Now Available

Premium books for all divisions of the 1972 Oregon State Fair are in the mail and available now, according to Fair Manager Robert L. Stevens.

The Big One '72, August 26 through September 4 in Salem, is themed to feature "A Better Environment Through Forestry". Special classes and awards will be found throughout the Fair with the forestry theme, such as cake and table decorating, cut flower arrangements, garden displays, Christmas trees, crafts, etc.

The premium book, bible of the Fair, lists all prize classifications, competitive divisions, rules governing exhibits and general Fair information.

There are separate books for: Agriculture and Horticulture; Art; Crafts and Hobbies; Floriculture; 4-H; FFA; Home Economics; Horse Show; Livestock; Photography; and Pigeons, Rabbits and Cavies. Persons desiring the books should contact the State Fair Entry Office, Salem, Oregon 97310, or call (503) 378-4668.

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